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WALLACE DeWITT
Brigadier General United States Army
Commanding Letterman General Hospital
Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco

OUR COMMANDING GENERAL

Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, commanding officer, Letterman General Hospital, was born at Fort Steele, Wyoming, June 1, 1878, the son of Brigadier General Calvin DeWitt, Medical Corps, U. S. Army.

Due to the isolation of the army posts where his father served, General DeWitt received his early schooling at home and later attended Leavenworth High School. He matriculated at Princeton University with the class of 1898 and left there after two years to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. There he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1900.

After his interneship at the National Soldiers Home, Hampton, Va., the General was appointed Contract Surgeon and was sent at once to the Philippine Islands where he served two years and participated in the campaign against the insurrectionists in the islands of Samar and Marinduque. Afterwards he served at the Third Reserve Hospital in Manila and the Convalescent Hospital at Corregedor Island.

While in the Philippines, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and in 1903 returned to the United States and attended a course of instruction at the Army Medical School.

He later served at Fort Coster, New York, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., with a field hospital at the World's Fair at St. Louis and at Fort Washakie, Wyoming. In 1907 he returned to the Philippines where he served at various posts and participated in the campaign against the Pulajanis on the Island of Leyte.

Upon returning to the United States in 1908, he was ordered to duty at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, and, after serving there for three years, was sent to the Hawaiian Islands where for three and one-half years he held the position of surgeon at Schofield Barracks. On completion of his tour at Schofield Barracks, he was ordered to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont and later participated in the Mexican border mobilization of 1916.

At the beginning o fthe World War he was ordered to Fort Ethan Allen as surgeon of the Recruit Depot and from there to Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he was assigned to duty as Divisional Surgeon of the 83rd Division. He accompanied this division to France in 1917 and after several months service there, was promoted to colonel and assigned to duty in the Seventh Army Corps. While in France, he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Shortly after the Armistice, General DeWitt was ordered to return to the United States and again assigned to duty as surgeon at Camp Sherman, Ohio, for the period of demobilization and from there went to the Recruit Depot, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

In 1921 he was assigned as commanding officer, Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston and remained there until 1927 when he was ordered to command Letterman General Hospital. After four and one-half years duty at Letterman, he was detailed as surgeon, U. S. Military Academy, West Point and as Professor of Military Hygiene at that institution.

In 1931 he was ordered to command the Army Medical Center including Walter Reed Hospital. Shortly after assuming this duty, he was promoted to Assistant Surgeon General with the rank of Brigadier General.

On completion of four years in that office, he was reverted to his permanent rank of colonel and returned as Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital. On October 1, 1940, he was promoted to Brigadier General which rank he now holds.

In 1904 General DeWitt was married to Bessie S. Foster, daughter of Lieut. Col. Fred W. Foster, Fifth Cavalry. They have one son, Lieut. Wallace DeWitt, Jr., who is stationed with the 159th Infantry at Camp San Luis Obispo.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

The establishment of this hospital was necessitated by conditions incident to the mobilization of the First Philippine Expedition in the War with Spain in 1898. The Eighth Army Corps was at that time mobilized at Camp Merritt here at San Francisco. Sanitary conditions were poor and discipline was not at its best with resulting considerable illness. The Division Hospital was housed in tents in which there were no beds and the soldiers slept on the sand.

On July 19, 1898 the Division Hospital was moved to the Presidio of San Francisco. Several Army Barracks were occupied and used as hospital buildings. This was a great improvement over the tents, still it was very inadequate.

Records show that 1,805 cases were admitted for treatment from June 2, 1898 up to and including September 25, 1898. Measles seem to head the list of diseases and since the service was inadequate to care for the patients many of these cases became pneumonia victims.

In the anticipation of the influx of sick from the Philippine Expedition it was recommended that a large General Hospital of 500 beds be established in the vicinity of San Francisco. The site was finally chosen on the present location.

Plans for the hospital underwent a good many changes before final approval. This site was not at the time thought to be a permanent one. General Orders, Number 182, December 1, 1898 established this hospital as a U. S. Army General Hospital.

The plan for the hospital was drawn by a San Francisco architect and was patterned after the Loriboisiere of Paris. The site covered 393,228 square feet "providing 983 square feet of space for each patient." Presumably soldiers in those days were accustomed to living on farms!

Hospital personnel was not especially selected and the services were not especially good. The Surgeon General's Department of the Army was at that time in its infancy and had very little to say in the hospital organization. This fact accounted for many mistakes in organization and in personnel.

Army nurses seemed, then as now, to be a well-trained unit and were cited for the fine service they performed. The cost of the patient ration in 1898 was 38 cents per day.

The General Hospital was subsequently named Letterman General Hospital after Major Letterman, prominent in Civil War days, who was instrumental in the organization of the Army Medical Corps. The commanding personnel of this post as well as the staff in the professional services contain many names distinguished in the annals of the United States Army.

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Major John D. Foley, Adjutant of Letterman General Hospital, administering the oath of office to the new Chief Nurses. Reading, left to right: Emma E. Rose, Virginia M. Severyn, Mary K. Cuppy, Dorothy N. Zeller, Major John D. Foley.

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOL

On Friday, August 15, a group of seventy-seven men completed the twelve weeks' course in the Special Service Schools. During th course they received instruction in the various phases of hospital routine including dental X-ray, laboratory, medical, surgical, and pharmacy work. The interest shown by the students indicated that all of them profited from the subjects covered in the curriculum.

In the class were men from Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Bliss, Texas; Camp San Luis Obisbo, California; Fort Stevens, Oregon; Broks Field, Texas; Camp Roberts, California; Hamilton Field, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico, and all have returned to their proper stations.

Another class will begin the course of instruction within the next ten days.

The personnel of the Special Service Schools, consisting of Captain Shivers, Captain Terry, Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, and Private Joseph Goldman, were the guests of Dr. Tobias of the University of California on a visit to the famous cyclotron. Dr. Tobias explained the workings of the machine to a very interested audience.

Your correspondent turned the tables on the detachment Ist Sergeant by letting him do the paper work over the week-end while your correspondent went to Reno to witness the marriage of his sister.

Private John R. Terrell of the School of Pharmacy has taken a flying trip to Pocatello, Idaho, for a family reunion, and we mean that he flew in a real plane.

Private Delmar E. Carlson, Assistant Instructor, Surgical School, left on Wednesday for Chicago on detached service. He will combine business with pleasure and while in Chicago will visit his parents, who are residents of that city.

New Chief Nurses

During the past month four members of the nursing staff of Letterman General Hospital have been promoted to Chief Nurse, with the assimilated rank of First Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. The new wearers of the silver bar are Mary Katherine Cuppy, Emma Elizabeth Rose, Virginia Mary Severyn, and Dorothy N. Zeller.

Miss Cuppy is a native of Oklahoma and took per professional studies at the University of Oklahoma Hospital. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on June 11, 1936 and assigned to station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where she served until transferred to Letterman General Hospital in October of last year.

Miss Rose claims Greenville, Ohio, as home and she made her studies at the University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati General Hospital. She joined the Army Nurse Corps on April 5, 1937 and has had but one station during her service—Letterman General Hospital.

Miss Severyn is a Pennsylvanian and former resident of Pittsburgh. She took her training at Sewickly General Hospital and was sworn in to the Army on November 8, 1937. She served at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., Fort McClellan in Anniston, Ala., and at Fort Beaureguard, La., before being transferred to Letterman General Hospital on September 6, 1940.

Miss Zeller is a native of Baltimore, Md., and took her professional training at Philadelphia General Hospital. She accepted an appointment in the Army in 1936 and was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. She also served at Fort McClellan and Fort Beaureguard before coming to Letterman General Hospital in September, 1940.

The new Chief Nurses are being retained on temporary duty at Letterman pending receipt of orders assigning them to permanent stations.

Since the present expansion program was initiated for the Army thirty members of the nursing staff of Letterman General Hospital have been promoted to Chief Nurse and subsequently assigned to supervise the nursing activities at Army hospitals in all parts of the country.

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Quartermaster News Items

Captain Lewis S. Parody joined the Quartermaster at this hospital for duty recently and has assumed the duties of Property Officer.

Second Lieutenant Maurice R. Brice departed from this station on a ten day leave of absence on August 18. Captain Parody will assume the duties of Sales Officer, Detachment Commander and Assistant Fire Marshal during the absence of Lieutenant Brice.

Congratulations are in order for promotions of the following named enlisted personnel of this detachment:

Private First Class Specialist 2nd Class Robert Singletary promoted to Sergeant.

Private Robert S. Dotseth promoted to Private First Class.

Private First Class Thornton P. Taylor rated Specialist 3rd Class.

Private First Class Jacob Bokin rated Specialist 4th Class.

Private Dwight I. Darland rated Specialist 2nd Class.

Private Ray B. Palmer rated Specialist 6th Class.

Master Sergeant Rowell returned from a ten day furlough on Saturdy August 16. Good to see you back at your desk Sergeant Rowell.

On Tuesday August 5, the Letterman Soft Ball Team played a hard fast soft ball game against Hirsch & Price soft ball team at the Margaret Hayward Park and lost by the score of 8 to 7.Todate the soft ball team has played three games losing all three. They have been good games with the breaks going against our team. Stay in there team and the breaks will soon come your way. The next game to be plaeyd will be Tuesday August 19, 8:00 p. m. at the Margaret Hayward Park. Come on out and root for the team for this is not a Quartermaster team but is representing the Letterman General Hospital so let's give it the support that it deserves.

Heard around the barracks: It appears that a certain man of this detachment is doing his best to become the story teller of the year. He recently told a story that goes something like this. "While serving in the Phillipines a mounted officer of the day went on a tour of inspection of the various posts. While riding along he was attacked by a giant python. When the Officer of the Day hadn't returned to the guard house a searching party was organized to locate his whereabouts. After searching for some time and without success the party came upon a set of horse shoes." It appears by this story that the python had swallowed the Officer of the Day as well as the horse. All we can say is "Some Python." I wouldn't mention any names but the initial begins with a "B" and I don't mean Brown.

UTILITY ACTIVITIES

The Letterman Club is undergoing alterations and modernization and when completed will enhance the appearance of the club. Watch this column for announcement of completion and opening date.

Work has been started on the new nurses home to be erected along Girard Road and will be a great addition to other buildings being erected at this hospital.

Safety Still First

Since inauguration of the Army's Safety Program, established in March by tht Quartermaster General, there has been a decrease of 43.59 lost time accidents per million manhours worked in the Ninth Corps Area, with a corresponding decrease of 4,600 manhours per million manhours, Colonel E. M. Geogre, Zone Constructing Quartermaster, announced today. Compared with the first three months of the year, loss of time due to acidents on the job has been reduced one-third.

During April, May and June 7,-972,694 manhours were worked on Army projects in the Ninth Corps area, out of which only 99,160 manhours, or .12 of one per cent, were lost because of accidents. This loss was accounted for by one fatality and 175 injuries, bringing the accident frequency to 22.44 per million hours, a decrease of 43.59 accidents per million hours, or 4.90 hours per thousand, from the first three months of the year.

During January, February and March, 12,174,694 manhours were worked, out of which 211,104 manhours, or .17 of one per cent, were lost because of accidents. In that period there were three fatalities and 804 lost time injuries, representing 66.03 accidents per million hours.

Although most construction is still being done under rush conditions, the Army is exacting strict compliance with all the safe practices and regulations prescribed by the Quartermaster General and made a part of each contractor's contract.

Lieut. Stanley N. Johnson, Safety Engineer for the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster, reports that without exception contractors are cooperating to the fullest extent with the Army's efforts to reduce hazards incident to construction. At the present time there are, in addition to the Zone Safety Engineer, 19 Safety Officers at various projects and six Safety Inspectors, who are constantly alert to promote the safety of workmen and to ensure the safe use of all buildings and equipment after occupancy.

OBITUARY Mrs. William L. Beswick

Funeral services for the late Mrs. William L. Beswick, wife of Captain William L. Beswick, who died at LGH early on Saturday morning last, were held from the Chapel of Our Lady in the Presidio of San Francisco on Monday, August 18, 1941. Chaplain William J. Ryan, Chaplain of the Fourth Army, was the celebrant of a Mass of Requiem in the presence of Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, Major General Paul B. Malone, U. S. Army, retired, and friends of the deceased.

Interment took place in the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno, Calif., where Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna officiated at grave side services.

The pall bearers were Technical Sergeants William I. Murphy, Freeborn P. Holcombe, Harry A. Fergusson, Henry Kuntz, Sergeants Thomas R. Bell and John R. Sauerwein, all of the Medical Detachment, Letterman General Hospital.

In addition to Captain Beswick, Mrs. Beswick is survived by her mother, Mrs. Josephine Langtry, and her sister, Mrs. Agnes Norman, both of Dorchester, Mass.

At the Top

New chevrons denoting the highest grade in the non-commissioned ranks of the army appeared on the sleeve of the uniform blouse of Master Sergeant Ernest Edward Allen last week following the receipt of orders from the office of the Surgeon General which advanced him to the top of the ladder he has been climbing for the past twenty years.

Allen is a native of Gainesville, Ga., and enlisted in the army at Fort Oglethorpe on January 21, 1921. He remained there for two months when he was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served for six years. His next move was to Tientsin, China, for a six-year tour, and from there he came to Letterman General Hospital in 1933. During the eight years at his present post he has had but one assignment. He is chief clerk in the "Sick and Wounded" office at headquarters of the hospital.

Master Sergeant Allen is a bachelor.

Riders on a new amusement park device get the illusion of facing repeated collisions as they occupy cars that are mounted upon the teeth of intermeshing gear wheels.

Industry's defense production job is equivalent to the task of building five Panama Canals a month.

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EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

Thanks to the interest and cooperation of our Commanding General we are able to present the FOG HORN, the weekly newspaper of which this is the first issue, for the personnel of Letterman General Hospital. The scope of the paper will include general news of interest to those of the defense forces of the nation as well as news of local origin about those in our midst.

Literary contributions will be welcome and, in the course of time, we hope to have a corner for the poets. Humorous items may find space and the offerings of artists and cartoonists will receive every consideration.

The paper is published without profit to the editorial staff, but we hope it will not be without profit to our readers.

The first groan of the FOG HORN fades out. We are on our way and we want you all with us all the way.

HOBBIES

"What is your hobby"? Ask that question of Donald B. Miller, the "old man" of B-1, and watch his eyes light up with enthusiasm as he answers "Stamps."

Donald is still in his 'teens but he has been with us a long time and we have learned to share his interest in stamps, covers, cancellations, and other items in the philatelic pastime as we have chatted with him on our rounds of the ward.

Don says that his collection of U. S. stamps gets most of his attention and admiration and he is willing to compare notes with any other collectors in the hospital.

We intend to keep on putting the question "What is your hobby?" and if you have an answer we are ready to listen.

Ice Cubes Instead of Ivories

Installation of 1,682 electrical units for the conversion of US No. 6 and US No. 7 ice boxes to mechanical refrigeration, and the installation of 956 unrefrigerated ice chests in all camps and stations under the jurisdiction of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster was reported at Zone CQM headquarters in San Francisco today.

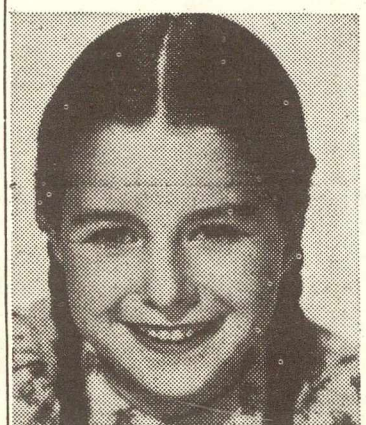
Installation of the units is being made by four national concerns: Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., Washington, D. C.; Hussman-Ligonier Company, St. Louis, Mo.; General Electric Supply Corporation, Washington, D. C.; and United Commercial Sales Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Purchased by the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., the the units were originally scheduled to be completely installed by August 15, but due to shortages of materials the deadline will be extended.

Largest number of units, 453, will go to Fort Lewis, Washington, with Fort Ord and Camp Luis Obispo receiving 294 each.

The unrefrigerated ice chests are for installation in mess halls for the storage of ice for cooling drinking water and other purposes. The chests are being inspected and accepted by the Government at the factory, after which shipment is being made direct to the various stations.

These changes, according to the Zone CQM, will result in greater efficiency, better sanitary conditions and a marked cut in personnel, since most of the old type ice boxes, even when carefully managed, use more than a ton of ice each month.



Prize scene-stealer of 1940 was the designation pinned on little Virginia Weidler by several of the critics. This popular juvenile player has her first role since "The Philadelphia Story" in "Barnacle Bill," with Wallace Beery.

Bunyons Banished

The United States Army is spending $1,522,183.06 for primary and tertiary roads in the newly constructed camps and stations of the Ninth Corps, it was announced by Colonel E. M. George, Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster, whose office in San Francisco has been awarding contracts for the roads and supervising their construction.

At the same time, contracts in the amount of $85,259.71 have been awarded and work is progressing on roads at four permanent stations: Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound, Columbia River Harbor Defenses, Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, and the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

This program comprises some thirty odd miles of roads classified as primary, which are located within cantonments or stations or leading from them to access roads connecting with state arterials, and about 110 miles of tertiary roads—interior company streets and trails leading to training areas.

While these roads are in addition to those contracted for in the program of March 1st and now completed, a large portion of the funds recently appropriated for primary roads covers paving operations, inasmuch as many of these were graded during initial construction of the camps.

Methods and materials of construction vary according to State Highway Commission specifications, climatic and soil conditions. Very little concrete will be used. Most of the new roads will be asphaltic or oil-treated surface.

Contracts have already been awarded for the following stations and amounts:

Camp Callan, $123,936; Fort Douglas Hospital Extension, $2,100; Camp Haan, $156,334; Fort Lewis, including 41st Division, $263,668; Camp Roberts, for underpass, $37,090; Fort Rosecrans, $257,707; Umatilla Ordnance Depot, $137,797; Utah General Depot, $100,383.06; Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound, $26,635; Columbia River Harbor Defenses, $18,950; Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, $15,939.71; Golden Gate National Cemetery, $23,735.

Post Chapel

Sunday, August 24, 1941
Catholic Services
Masses at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services
Morning Worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio Service via Public Address System to all wards.....9:00 a. m.
Evening Song Service.....6:00 p. m.
Post Theatre

Figures and Facts

Additions

Second Lieut. Hazel Eleanor Berg, ANC—Res. from Berkeley, California.

Second Lieut. Gertrude L. Bamsey, ANC. From Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Subtractions

First Lieut. George E. Johansen, MC—Res. to Headquarters, Ninth Corps Area.

First Lieut. John E. Grant, MA—Res. to inactive status.

First Lieut. John F. Bridgman, MC—Res. to Headquarters, Ninth Corps Area.

Multiplications

To Lieutenant Larril A. Palm, Air Corps, and Mrs. Palm of McClellan Field, California, a son, Larril A. Palm, Jr., August 10, 1941.

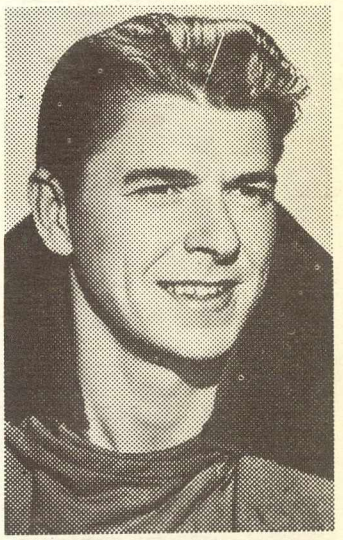
To Master Sergeant Jack Dudley and Mrs. Dudley of Headquarters, 4th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Doreen, August 12, 1941.

To 2nd Lieut. Vaughn K. Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin of Camp Roberts, Calif., a son, August 18, 1941.

Strength of Command as of August 19:

Officers	117
Nurses	130
Enlisted Men	702
Patients	1141
Grand total of personnel	2090

FLIGHT PATROL



RONALD REAGAN — whose memorable portrayal of the character of George Gipp in 'The Story of Knute Rockne,' won him stardom, will be seen next in Warners' sensational production, "The Flight Patrol," with James Stephenson, Julia Bishop, Cliff Edwards, Reginald Denny, Olympe Bradna and William Lundigan.

Baseball

Funston Park will be the scene of the return match when the Letterman nine meets Camp Roberts Saturday and Sunday for the second two game series of the season. Stellar attraction will be Larry Powell, formerly with the Boston Bees.

The first series at Camp Roberts was split with Powell losing his game against the strong pitching of Albert Christiansen, Professional Service School student. The 5-4 loss is the only one charged against the strong Roberts club this season and spoiled Powell's opportunity for a perfect season.

Christiansen virtually won his own game in the last tilt with a homer with one man on base. He was assisted by Edward Haverty's home-run in the third, which, to Powell's dismay, carried an additional man around from second.

With the games covering two days it is not certain which one Powell will pitch but Christiansen is slated to pitch against the former big leaguer, according to Sergeant Jack Sauerwine, club coach and trainer.

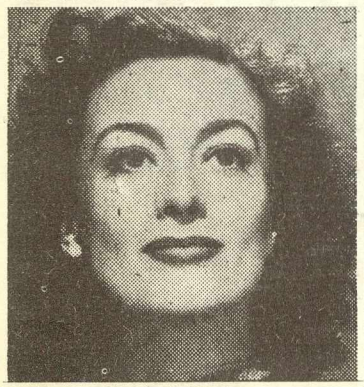
Back on third base will be Albert Giovannetti, property of the Brooklyn Dodgers in pre-draft days. Giovannetti has been in the hospital for the past week with a mild infection.

The other game will be pitched by either Maurio Machi or Roy Nishi, another Service School man. Slated to catch both games is William DeMello.

Haverty, who has been playing third in the absence of Giovannetti, will be on first or in the outfield. Haverty is pushing Merle "Windy" West and Adolph Gaydos for batting honors on the home club and Powell should be fair game for the slugger.

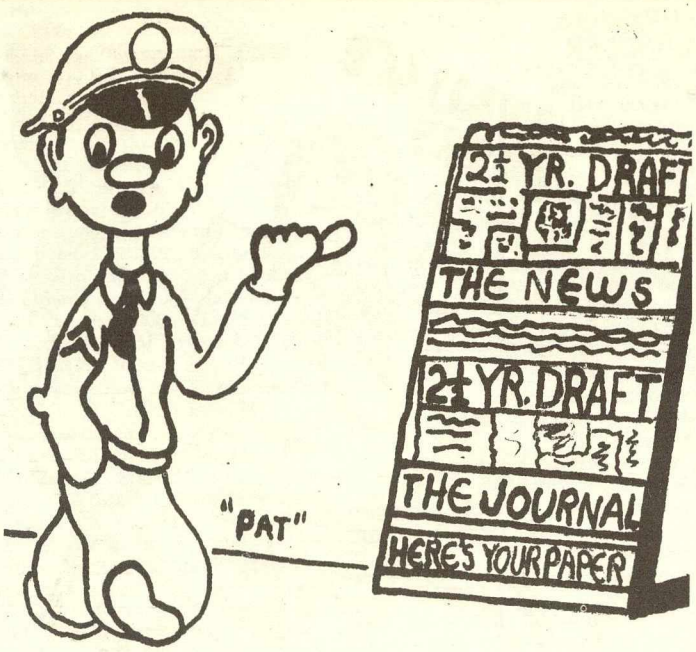
Probable batting order is West, DeMello, Hughes, Gaydos, Giovannetti, Haverty, Snyder, and Craig, followed by Christiansen in the "Powell" game and either Nishi or Machi in the second frame.

Game times are 1:30 Saturday and 9:00 Sunday morning. Both games will be at Funston.



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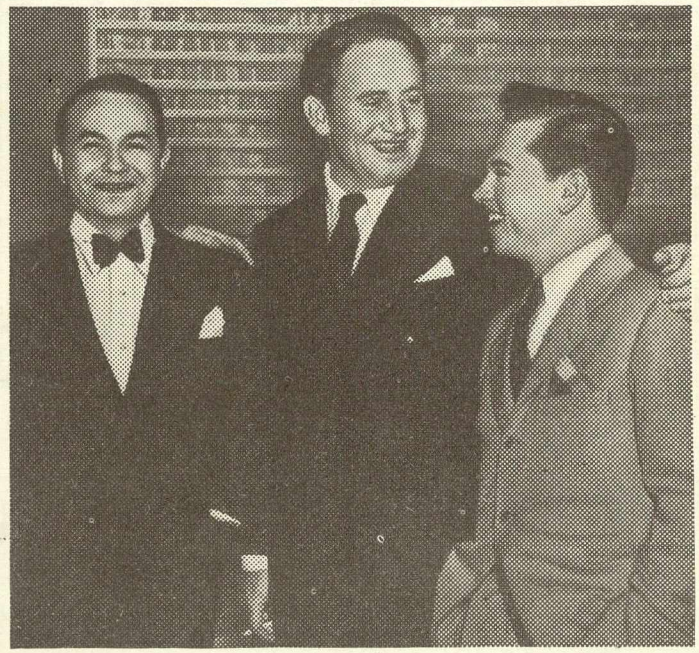
NOT THE FLORADORA SEXTETTE — but from Warners' spectacular "Navy Blues" which stars Ann Sheridan and Jack Oakie. Reading from the left the glamor girls are Peggy Diggins of Mt. Vernon, New York — Lorraine Gettman of Lincoln, Nebraska — Kay Aldrich of New York — Georgia Carroll of Texas—Marguerite Chapman of Mt. Vernon, New York and Claire James of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FASCINATION



ANN SHERIDAN — most lovely of red-headed ladies — will be starred next in Warners' "Navy Blues" with Jack Oakie. Others prominent in the cast are Martha Raye, Jack Haley, Herbert Anderson, Jack Carson, Richard Lane and William T. Orr.

TALL STORY TIME



EDDIE ROBINSON — SPENCER TRACY — MICKEY ROONEY exchange tall stories when the latter two make a call at the Warner studios where Robinson is working on "Manpower" in which he is starred with Marlene Dietrich and George Raft. The trio are favorites with fans everywhere pictures are shown.

REGIS TOOMEY



REGIS TOOMEY — whose admirable performance in "Meet John Doe" won him calls from many studios and a long term Warner contract — will be featured next in "Dive Bomber."

This Week POST THEATER

Sunday, August 24th
"Four Mothers," starring the Lane Sisters, Eddie Albert and Jeffrie Lynn. Also comedy, "Carine Caddy" and RKO news reel.

Wednesday, August 27th
"Round Up," starring Robert Preston, Richard Dix, and Patricia Morrison. Also "Picture People No. 10" and RKO news reel.

Friday, August 29th
"Here Comes the Navy," with Pat O'Brien, James Cagney, and Gloria Stuart. Also short subject, "Red Skins and Red Heads."

August 28—At 1:30 p. m. the WPA Cowboys will present their weekly program at the Recreation Center.

August 27—The DeVore Dancing School has scheduled a "Patients Only" show which will open at 7:30 p. m. The show will be held in the Recreation Center.

THE FOG HORN

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MOBILE WARDS TO BE GIVEN UNITED STATES ARMY HOSPITAL TRAINS

Four converted Pullman cars, termed "hospital ward cars," to be used with Army Hospital Trains have been authorized, the War Department announced today. Contracts for the railway cars, to cost $22,556 each, have not been let.

Designed to transport sick or injured soldiers, each hospital ward car will have beds for 32 patients. Two of the ward cars will be used with each hospital train. All of the necessary facilities for the care of patients in a hospital ward are provided in the ward cars.

A standard Hospital Train, operated by the Medical Department of the Army, will consist of one administrative unit car, two of the newly ordered ward cars, and a variable number of standard sleeping cars.

Developed after years of experimentation and incorporating knowledge gained during the World War in transporting wounded soldiers from the ports of debarkation to hospitals near their homes, the hospital trains will get practical tests during Army maneuvers this fall.

Each hospital train is built around the administrative unit car. On the unit car is provided a fully equipped operating room for emergency operations, daily dressings and medical examinations, an administrative office for the entire train and quarters for two officers in charge. The car contains a kitchen capable of feeding 500 soldiers if necessary, with bunks and a shower for the attached kitchen personnel.

Seriously ill soldiers will be cared for in the hospital ward cars. Less seriously ill patients will be carried in standard Pullman cars attached to the train as needed.

Each ward car of the hospital train will be staffed with three Army nurses and three orderlies, working on eight-hour shifts. The nurses will be quartered in drawing rooms in the sleeping cars which will be attached.

Two hospital unit cars recently delivered to the War Department are now at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

ARMY MEDICOS SHOW CO-OPERATION AT RECENT HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

On the ocacsion of the tragic autobus crash on the Waldo Approach to the Golden Gate Bridge last week, the Medical Department once again demonstrated its availability, as well as ability, in civilian emergencies.

Shortly after 7:00 o'clock on that morning Lt. Col. Jos. L. Whiteley, Post Surgeon at Fort Baker, answered a 'phone call requesting that an ambulance be sent to the Waldo Approach where an accident had occurred. No details were given and routine procedure would have sent an ambulance with an attendant on the call.

In this instance, as Col. Whiteley explained later in the day, he had a feeling this was more than an ordinary accident. He directed that ten extra blankets and additional medical supplies be placed in the ambulance and two non-commissioned officers accompanied the Colonel on the fast trip from Fort Baker to the scene of the crash. Every bit of the additional equipment was used in rendering aid there..

The local newspapers were generous in their praise for the good work of the members of the Army Medical Department. Col. Whiteley and his men worked for over an hour with the seriously injured and stayed on the job until the last victim had been removed to a hospital. In keeping of the traditions of the service Col. Whiteley was ably assisted by Corporals Roy E. Miller and Perry L. Zimmerman. Corporal Miller is a selective service trainee, a native of Sparta, Tennessee, and was a resident of Oakland prior to his induction on February 24, 1941. Corporal Zimmerman hails from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and enlisted in the Army at Fort Missoula, on March 5, 1941.

Both men have attained a non-commissioned grade after a relatively brief period in the service. The high quality of their performance of an arduous duty on the occasion of the big crash is an indication their selection for early advancement was based on sound judgment and knowledge of their ability.

ANOTHER CAMP FOR CALIFORNIA, ONE OF FOUR PLANNED FOR U.S. ARMY

Following a recent War Department announcement in Washington that four new cantonments, utilizing 272,250 acres of land and costing a total of $77,390,000, are slated for immediate construction in the United States, Colonel E. M. George, Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster, stated in San Francisco today that bids for the largest of the four cantonments are to be opened in his office on Monday, August 25, at 11 a.m. This project is the Santa Maria-Lompoc, Calif., camp where an estimated $24,250,000 will be spent and approximately 90,000 acres of land will be acquired for the cantonment.

The other three camps announced by the War Department will be built in the vicinities of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Neosho, Missouri; and Augusta, Georgia.

Largest of the four camps in the amount of money involved, acreage and troop capacity, Santa Maria-Lompoc will accommodate an armored division, an anti-tank battalion and necessary Ordnance, Quartermaster and post service personnel. While it is estimated that 16,200 officers and men will be stationed there upon completion of the camp, it is being planned so that it may be expanded at a later date to house 35,000 men.

The site is located on the southeasterly edge of Burton Mesa, just north of the Santa Ynez river, and is bounded by the Southern Pacific Railroad on the west and the Lompoc-Guadalupe road on the east.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry D. Stetson is the Constructing Quartermaster for the project.

Although a constant flow of interested material dealers, manufacturers and sub-contractors has made a busy week for the Constructing Quartermaster, and the forces of the Architect-Engineer, Leeds, Till, Barnard & Jewett, of Los Angeles, guides and transportation are being furnished to the job site, and every possible aid is being given to facilitate estimating.

Indicative of the complexity of the task is one small statistical item—a complete set of plans and specifications weighs 160 pounds.

Santa Maria, with a population of 10,000 has already taken steps to cope with the problems that will arise with the influx of thousands of workmen and soldiers. The village of Lompoc plans to install a new sewage disposal plant and to make arrangements with Federal Housing agencies for the accommodation of 5000 people.

At the peak of construction, about 6000 workmen will be on the job.

Completion of the project will require about four months.

The name of the successful bidder for the contract will be announced by the War Department, Washington, D. C.

PRESIDIO PUZZLE

Corporal Frank Crane was reporting at the Post Guard House for duty. On the way in he greeted the Sergeant at the door. Walking inside to get his duty orders, he confronted that same Sergeant sitting behind the desk.

"Didn't I just pass you in the doorway?" he asked.

"No," the Sergeant replied, "The heat must be affecting you."

After being detailed to duties, Crane went back onto the porch for a smoke, to encounter the same Sergeant. This was too much—this shouldn't happen to a dog. So Crane started toward Letterman, to apply for a comfortable room—one with mattresses on the walls, too.

Although many psychiatrists would gladly have furnished him with a strait-jacket on this evidence, Crane wasn't buggy. It seems that two of the Sergeants in the Military Police Detachment—Sergeants Charles and Chester Dunfee—are identical twins. The strategy behind this double assignment is that when one of them goes on duty, the other leaves, and the unsuspecting prisoner thinks that Sergeant Dunfee is a permanent fixture, and a pretty determined M. P.

According to Crane, who knows the difference, one of the Sergeants has a mole to the left of his nose. G-2 now has three plain-clothesmen detailed to determine who the mole belongs to—Chester or Clarence.

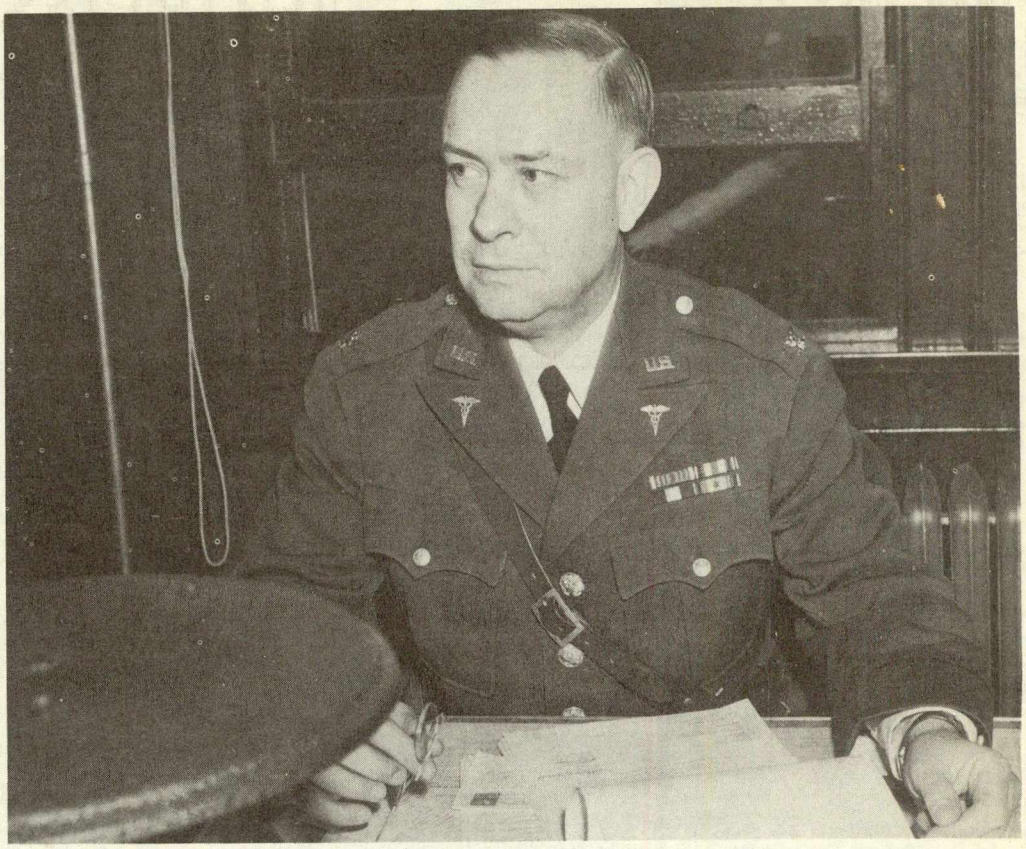
The soldier who spends the night in the guard house for acute alcoholism needs only one treatment of this trouble to go on the old wagon forever.

Recreation Issues Info Bulletin

A new and novel way of bringing information about the use of the enlisted man's leisure time is being made ready by the Presidio of San Francisco. This information is in the form of a two page handy booklet, giving in detail the activities and facilities both on the Post and in the City of San Francisco, which are available to the enlisted man in his "off duty" hours. This publication is particularly valuable to men already on the post and to the new men coming in cince it is designed to do much toward bridging the gap between civil and military life, and to make the soldier feel welcome in his new surroundings.

Charles R. Reuther, Sergeant-Major of the Special Service School, pent a very quiet and restful week end at home. His duties were assumed by Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry, also of headquarters.

READERS INTRODUCED TO COL. McKIE



COLONEL ALVA B. McKIE, M.C.
Executive Officer

Colonel McKie, who is the Executive Officer of this hospital, is charged under the direction of the Commanding Officer, with the coordination of all activities of the hospital and with the performance of such other duties as may be prescribed by him. The Colonel is also the Public Relations Officer for this command and serves as the training officer for internes. In a word, he is the officer who pours oil on the troubled waters, if any, so there may be calm sailing for everyone connected with the administration of this large hospital.

Colonel Alva Burton McKie is a native of Canton, Mississippi, where he was born on June 23, 1892. He attended the University of Mississippi where he received a B.S. degree and later went to Tulane University of Louisiana where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1915.

Colonel McKie was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps on October 12, 1916, and appointed to the regular army in the grade of First Lieutenant on the 21st of February, 1917. He has risen through all the intermediate grades and on June 26, 1941, was promoted to the grade of Colonel in the Medical Corps, United States Army. The Colonel's service began with a course in the Army Medical School from where he went to serve on the Rio Grande River above Brownsville, in 1917. When the First Division was formed in 1917 he was assigned to the 26th Infantry and went overseas with that organization and remained with it until June, 1918. He subsequently served with the Base Section Headquarters in London and with the 90th Division of the Army of Occupation. He later served at Antwerp, Belgium, Tours and Paris, France, returning to the United States in December of 1919 after two and one-half years overseas.

The Colonel next served at Oteen General Hospital until it was transferred to the Veterans Adminisration in December, 1920, from where he went to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver until July, 1925. His next station was Fort McDowell for one year and then Letterman General Hospital where he served for five years from 1926 to 1931. He left Letterman for the Philippines where he was on the Medical Service at Sternburg General Hospital in Manila for three years.

On his return to the United States he served two years at Fort Francis E. Warren and four years a Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. He reported for his current tour of duty at Letterman General Hospital on May 19, 1940.

Colonel McKie, in 1922, was married to Miss Margaret Scott. They have no children.

Colonel McKie has the Mexican Border and World War Service Medals, Decoration of the Purple Heart and a Silver Star Citation.

THE ARMY CAN

The Quartermaster Supply Office, U. S. Army, announced today contract awards totaling $3,779,103 for canned foods. Colonel F. J. Riley, quartermaster supply officer, said the contracts were distributed as follows: Canned pineapple, $1,456,-734; canned apricots, $325,974; canned pears, $951,136; canned tuna, $661,798; and canned salmon, $382,-460. The supplies were purchased here for Army-wide distribution.

Every time I look at you I think of a great man."

"You flatter me. Who is it?"

"Darwin!"

MEDICAL DETACH

Night schools in San Francisco will open for the current semester on September second. In cooperation with the Supervisor of Public Schools Chaplain Shuder is making tentative enrollments.

A catalogue of the courses that will be offered will be available at the Chaplains' office Thursday, September fourth. Additional information may be obtained through the same source.

Sergeant Bob Harris of the Ninth Corps Area DEML, and formerly stationed at this hospital has been sent to Washington, D. C., to the Government training school. Sergeant Harris is extending his education in the Intelligence Service while there.

Los Gatos, California, claims Sergeant Harris, where, prior to his induction he served that city as an officer in the Police Department.

Corporal "Pat" Wilds' prolonged illness, results of a tonsillectomy, has postponed the billard matches that have been carried on between him and Private "Doc" Madsen. Both men, adept in the cue stick art, have given many pointers to those of us learning the game, and the resumption of the series of games will be welcomed.

What is it about the "potato-state" that does not let the boys from home forget?

Rumor has it (?) that nearly all of Idaho's single sons stationed here at Letterman have been seriously stricken in the regions of the heart. The affliction has been caused by Idaho poison of great toxic strength. They "barely didn't" succumb.

Private Harry Hall, formerly stationed at Letterman Hospital, has been transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Private Hall is well equipped to do this work. His interest and development in Chemistry has netted him a Bachelor's Degree at the University of San Francisco and a Master's Degree at Standford University in this subject, and his future plans include standing examination for Doctorate in Chemistry.

Private Hall has been assisting in Chemical Warfare lectures and has also been attending classes at the University of California in furtherandce of this work.

AN OLD TIMER



SERGEANT JAY Y. CONNELL

A search of our records at this hospital discloses the fact that the man with the honor of having the longest continuous service at this post goes to Sergeant Jay Y. Connell.

He was born at Newcastle, Pa., April 14, 1886, and enlisted in the United States Army at Los Angeles on December 31, 1917. His first assignment was to the 9th Ambulance Corps at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii.

In September of 1918 he was assigned to Camp Fremont, Calif., and in March of 1919 transferred to the Medical department, Letterman General Hospital. In April, 1920, he reenlisted for the Quartermaster Corps and remained at Letterman. Since that time he has been on duty in the powerhouse, commissary, and in the electrical shop, where he has been for over 15 years.

Sergeant Connell was promoted to grade of Sergeant on August 20, 1931. He is the proud possessor of nine honorable discharges upon completion of enlistments, all with character "Excellent."

On August 12th, Sergeant Jefferson A. Casserly and Miss Allyce Larson were married in Reno, Nevada.

Sergeant Casserly, now in charge of the Message Center at Letterman General Hospital, began his Army career January 26, 1940, here at the hospital in the Message Center and has spent his full period of enlistment in this office.

Mrs. Casserly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson of San Mateo, California.

It is with deep regret that we received notice of the death of Private First Class Roy D. Glover of Letterman General Hospital. Pfc. Glover passed away August 21, at the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had been transferred as a patient for special treatment.



Private Edward Ellis, Quartermaster Detachment of this Post, who has been a patient on Ward D-1 since October 1, 1940, has found a useful occupation to employ his spare time while bedfast. Ellis has acquired a hobby of working in leather and has developed unusual skill in the making of wallets, pocketbooks, and ladies' purses. When the facilities are available he can turn out as many as three well made men's wallets in a day.

In this work he has been instructed by Miss Langley, one of the Occupational Therapy Aides on duty at this hospital and he has been very ably assisted by Miss Mary Weil, a volunteer Red Cross GRAY LADY who gives full time to the work of helping the patients along occupational therapy lines.

Private Ellis is a native of Peru, Indiana, but his sojourn in San Francisco has made a Californian out of him. He expects to settle in the "sunshine state" when he is discharged from the hosptal.

OBITUARY

Willis J. Strobel

Private Willis J. Strobel, a member of the 12th Materiel Squadron, Ninth Air Base Group, Army Air Corps, Stationed at Moffett Field, passed away at Letterman General Hospital on Sunday evening last after a brief illness.

Private Strobel had his preliminary training with the Air Corps at Chanute Field before he was assigned to Moffett Field. During the ten months he was in the service he proved to be truly representative of the type of young man the Army desires for its ranks. His His friendly disposition made friends of all his associates and he was held in esteem by his superior officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Strobel, his parents who came by airplane to his bedside at the hospital during his illness, accompanied the remains to Saginaw, Michigan, where interment took place on Friday.

In addition to his parents, Willis is survived by a brother and sister, Donald and Jeannette Strobel.

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"Just wait until the wrong girl comes along."

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THE EDITOR

This business of being an editor in addition to other duties might be a lot of fun and it might bring a lot of grief.

Our little paper was well received last week so far as we know but then we may not know very far or very well. Those who took the trouble to drop into the editorial sanctum, formerly a dignified office, were kind in their comments and and we should be the last to question the sincerity of their remarks.

On the other hand we had people like Ray Donahue pause at the door long enough to imply we might be guilty of infringing on copyright or stealing names or any other crime peculiar to the publishing profession, but then Ray is an attorney and can sense actionable material from afar. Or people like the tall dark and good looking young lady in one of the offices on the lower floor who called up to question the propriety of running advertisements not approved by the ethical standards of the medical profession.

With this second issue we acquire more confidence and hope a bit better newspaper We remind our readers that the editor is accessible and affable to those who would carry hostilities to the vicinity of his waste basket, which happens to be metal—and heavy.

If you have suggestions we are ready to listen. It is your paper; we only work here

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THE OBSERVER SAW

Major "Bill" Nichol, in dinner clothes sauntering toward Surgery and 40 minutes later sauntering away from Surgery. In the interim he had taken out an appendix but the angle of his dark green dress tie lost none of its insouciance by the off and on again procedure.

Miss Dorothy Simpson, the source of social service solace to the surgical side, hurrying toward B-1 with a newly discovered stamp for Don Miller.

Half of the male civilian personnel standing about the bed of Mr. Coyne on Ward D-1 during an evening visiting hour. From where we stood it would have looked like a well-attended crap game if anyone had been leaning floorward but of course no game was in progress, just popularity of Mr. Coyne.

The Night Supervisor munching chocolates and learned that Miss Ann Bakalar was on the distributing end of a big box. Said she got lots of 'em and no one asks where.

Sergeant Herbert Ligier written up by Bill Leiser in the Chronicle Sporting Green of Sunday. Someone should send the clipping to "Superman."

Willie Nolan getting a shoe shine.

Sergeant "Jim" Farran wearing a shining shillelagh which he says is only a blackthorn but just as useful in an emergency.

The PT aides, three abreast, heading to work of a morning, swinging arms and determined stride indicating some one was in for a good pummeling.

Mrs. "Ted" Willis, the petite patient on "P," getting a long distance phone call from Mother back in Greenpernt.

Mrs. Meva O'Neill, assistant Red Cross Field Director from the Presidio, over on our side of the fence looking for a luncheon partner.

The Sergeant Major smiling.

Honest!

Cook vegetables in enough water to cover in an uncovered pot.

FIGURES AND FACTS

ADDITIONS:

Lt. Col. Reginald Ducat, M. C. joined from Hawaii.

1st Lt. Vincent C. Steher, M. C. Res., reported for duty from Oakland, Calif.

Ist. Lt Harry Deil, M. A. C. Res., from Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Major Albert G. Clarke, M. C. Res., reported for duty from San Francisco, Calif.

2nd Lt. Jackson Ford, Q. M. C. Res, reported for duty from Denver, Colo.

SUBTRACTIONS:

1st Lt. Wm. I. Norton, M. C. Res., transferred to Puerto Rico.

2nd Lt. Evelyn R. Osmond, A. N. C. to home on final leave of absence.

2nd Lt. Ruth M. Parsons, A. N. C. to home on final leave of absence

MULTIPLICATIONS:

To Lt. and Mrs. Weldon J. Walker, M. C. of Letterman General Hospital, a daughter, Patricia Ann, August 21, 1941.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Fred P. Lee of Fort McDowell, a daughter, Mary Barbara, August 23, 1941.

To Lt. and Mrs. Tom L. Frost, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Marcia, August 25, 1941.

Strength of command as of August 25, 1941:

Officers	123
Nurses	129
Enlisted men	766
Patients	1106
Grand total of personnel	2124

A Note About Enlistments

The Adjutant General advises that enlisted men of the regular Army will not be retained beyond expiration of normal term of enlistment under Service Extension Act of 1941.

Units of National Guards inducted into Federal Service during September and October 1940 will remain in service under Service Extension Act of 1941.

The Chaplain's Corner

Religious services for Sunday, August 31, 1941
In the Post Chapel
Catholic Services
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Service
Morning Worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards
9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theatre
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

A MAN'S PRAYER

Let me live O Mighty Master such a life as man should know, testing triumph and disaster, joy and not too much of woe. Let me run the gamut ever, let me fight and love and laugh, and when I'm beneath the clover let this be my epitaph:

"Here lies one who took his chance in the busy world of men. Battled luck and circumstances, fought and fell, arose and fought again. Won sometimes, but did no crowing, lost sometimes but did not wail. Took his beating, kept on going, never let his courage fail. He was fallible and human, therefore loved and understood both his fellow men and women whether good or not so good. Kept his spirits undiminished, never false to any friends. Played the game until it finished, lived a sportman to the end."

—Author unknown

1449 Chaplains Listed by Army

According to figures released recently by the War Department, the strength of the Corps of Chaplains, United States Army, as of August 12, 1941, was 1,449. Of this total 1,068 are Protestant, 362 are Catholic, and 19 Jewish.

There are 136 regular Army Chaplains, of whom 101 are Protestant and 35 are Catholic. Of the National Guard total of 312, 212 are Protestant, and 100 are Catholic. Reserve Chaplains total, 1,001, of whom 775 are Protestant, 227 are Catholic and 19 are Jewish.

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You'd better beware if the angle of inclination reaches 45 degrees or more, 'cause that means he's heard an injustice, and that's a bite he just doesn't care to chew. That's the giveaway for our human dynamo to get some action going. Whew, and just watch him break through that enemy line of red-tape, inaction and false barriers.

That old devil cigar gets you stepping from the crack of dawn till, by gosh, its already the second crack of the following dawn, to help some poor sick patient along out of his worriations and miserations. What's that you say about a Morale problem in the Army? Never heard of such a thing at Letterman since the trail of that stoggie smoke got whiffed around here.

I'm telling you that aroma's sure got a penetrating quality and it has permeated every wing and ward of this place. There's nothing wrong can hide-out long around here without getting smoked out into the open.

And the light of day never hurt nothing to nobody. Boy, you just watch new Lieutenants switch from "How'm I doin' as a Doctor" to "How's the patient doin' as a person" inside of two sound puffs on that five-center. It's seein' a miracle right before your very own eyes.

You can take all the Clarence Darrows and Tom Deweys in the world to get your justice done—just let me rate as my protector our Chaplain. And that's no lie.

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"Is this Letterman Hospital?" came over the telephone.

"Yes, this is Letterman Hospital," answered the man on duty at the Information desk.

"Can you tell me when I'll be called for the Air Corps?"

"No, I am sorry but we are not imformed on that subject. This is Letterman Hospital. I suggest you apply at the Recruiting Office in the Federal Building."

"But I got my application for Stanford today and I want to know when the Army is going to call me for the Air Corps."

"I believe you might be advised at the Recruiting Office in the Federal Building."

"But I want to know when I am going to be called because I just took my examination. If I am not going to be called before the end of the quarter I might as well go to Stanford. What I want to know is when am I going to be called for the Air Corps?"

"Well, the best thing for you to do is to go down to the Federal Building here in town and let the Recruiting Officer help you with your problem."

"Oh! You mean the building down town? Well thanks."

And Sergeant Chester W. Caldwell adds another gray hair to his growing crop but he wouldn't trade jobs with anyone else in the hospital. because "there is always something doing in the Information Office."

With an average of one call every minute or 1,440 calls every 24 hours the man at the desk has to be tactful, quick thinking, and be able to control his temper. One of the men under Sgt. Caldwell is Private Thomas R. Michael, who tells as his favorite story the one about the woman who called to find out why he hadn't delivered her "Crazy Water Crystals" and WHY didn't she get some response to her numerous letters.

Cooly, Private Michael counted to ten and then replied in a soothing voice, "I am sorry Ma'am but you are connected with the Letterman General Hospital and we do not sell "Crazy Water Crystals."

To which our muddled madam replied with a muttered curse "Thank you, and goes her way leaving "Mike' somewhat battered but still ready for whatever may happen next.

The duties of the Information Office are numerous with the first being "to keep a correct record of every patient in the hospital." A list of all "seriously ill" patients is kept along with records of all duty personnel including Officers, Nurses, Aides, Enlisted Men and men in the Special Service School.

All requests for diagnosis of a patient must be referred to the Registrar but information concerning the patient's status, if known, may be given out.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the daily rush begins for the visiting hour has started and swarms of people hover about the desk with queries for information about where to find "John Patient." Then in the midst of all this hubbub one of the two phones will ring and three different people will want to know something at once. However, they all go away satisfied with the feeling that their question was the most important.

Private James G. Gust, another of the information diplomats, has been asked to trace a girl met at one of the civic auditorium dances and the day seldom passes when someone will want to locate a patient and only know his first name. Gust and Michael have been at the desk longer than any of the other men and both say that "one may think one has heard everything but in just thirty minutes on the job ones viewpoint changes."

Private John W. Evans and Private Leland P. Anderson round out the staff and have long since passed the stage when they are startled by the request of some blue-eyed blonde to find where "Ralph" is and what he is doing.

"Surely you know Ralph, he just came in here last week. I think it was Wednesday or Thursday."

(Rookie to Sarge) "You can't send me after a left-handed trench spade, while I am looking for a fifty-foot skirmish line." (I know it has whiskers on it—but it will always be good."

PROMOTION FOR SERGEANT GROSS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT WILLIAM ERNEST GROSS

Technical Sergeant Wm. Ernest Gross was born in Meridian, Mississippi, on April 8, 1909. He was graduated from Baltimore City College, Maryland, and completed two years at the University of Maryland, where he majored in accountancy. For ten years he was secretary to the Division Manager of the American Oil Company with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

He enlisted in the Army at Letterman General Hospital on June 22, 1939, and has had a very unusual career by reason of the rapidity of his promotions. He became a Corporal on August 19, 1940, a Sergeant on September 1, 1940, a Staff Sergeant May 2, 1941, and a Technical Sergeant August 15, 1941.

During his service at Letterman General Hospital he has been in the Clothing and Pay Office, with the Recreation Department, and has been Post Exchange Steward since February of this year. Sergeant Gross is single, with aviation as his principal hobby. He did considerable flying before coming to California and has forty solo hours in the air logged in his little black book.

He drives a new Pontiac Sedan, which he calls the "Silver Streak." It is all paid for.

A lad looking through the telescope on top of the Physics Building one night muttered, "Gawd!"

Pretty good telescope.

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Captain Margaret Knierim, Assistant Superintendent Army Nurse Corps and Principal Chief Nurse, Letterman General Hospital, spent a few days leave visiting Yellowstone National Park. With her enjoying the trip was Captain Alice Becklin, Army Nurse Corps, formerly Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital and now stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Miss Nila Rutherman, who has been enjoying a thirty day leave of absence will return on September 2.

Miss Edith Heinrich has been transferred from the reserve to the regular Army.

Matrimonial Jingles in the Offing

Miss Evelyn Osborne left on a final leave of absence August 20. She was preceded by two days by Miss Madeline Ritter, who went on final leave of absence prior to separation from the service, and Miss Ruth Parsons accepted her discharge from the service on August 22.

QUARTERMASTER NOTES TOLD HERE

The personnel of the QM Corps had a blowout at the Acme Club on Tuesday evening and the usual good time was had by all.

Captain Parody made a flying trip to Salt Lake City during the past week. On his return he was accompanied by Mrs. Parody and their Minor children who will take up residence with the Captain at No. 8 Boix Way, San Rafael.

We note that the male civilian clerks employed at the hospital are now strutting their stuff in the new jackets recently prescribed for wear.

We have recently had a new addition to the buildings of the hospital. We refer to the new quarters recently constructed and now occupied by the proud owners—the Misses Metta Streit and Nancy Nichol—who are having open house for their friends.

That little fellow Dan Cupid is here again! This time his victim is Sgt. Brown. Congratualtions!

We are all glad to see Sergeant Borselli up and around again and look for him to return to duty soon.

Two of our staff are away on vacations. Mr. Ernest W. Jacobs, in charge of Transportation, and Mrs. Sue Greenwell, Civilian Personnel clerk. We hope they will enjoy a well earned leave of absence.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

For the past week students from California and the Northwest have been pouring into these schools. The majority of these new students are medical technicians, closely followed by the surgical group. The rest of the men are pretty evenly divided among the pharmacy, x-ray, laboratory, and dental schools.

Stations which sent men to our schools are Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp San Luis Obispo, California; Fort Ord, California; Portland Air Base, Portland, Oregon; Fort Winfield Scott, California; Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Stockton, California; Fort Rosecrans, California; and Letterman General Hospital.

Classes started on Monday morning, August 25, 1941.

Under the new arrangements by which our incoming mail is handled by the non-commissioned officer in Charge of Quarters, Sergeants Paul A. Wright and Everard V. Cruea rate a special mention for their efficiency in getting the mail from home to us.

At a quiet dinner party, at the home of friends of Vallejo, Sergeant Cruea announced his engagement to Miss Mary Louis Kinchen, a former mess sergeant in the Letterman General Hospital. According to latest reports, the wedding bells will toll sometime in December.

Benjamin J. Kingwell, assistant instructor of the pharmacy school, spent a very quiet week end at San Rafael, California. According to unconfirmed reports, here's another fine fellow who is contemplating on leaving the ranks of bachelorhood. We wonder if those frequent visits to San Rafael had anything to do with it? Anyhow we all wish you the best of luck!

Your correspondent has been checking up on the various schools in our detachment, in search of the most brilliant, efficient, and capable man of each of the schools. Each week he will write some facts concerning this chosen man, and why he is outstanding among the fellow students. This week's student was chosen from the surgical school. His name is Private Joseph Goldman.

Private Goldman was born at Berkeley, California, on February 28, 1915. He went through elementary and high school in Long Beach, California. After that Private Goldman went three years to the University of Southern California. Then two more years to the University of California, where he graduated. While at college he studied organic chemistry. On March 27, 1941, he was inducted into the army at San Francisco. Since then he established a very good record while at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, which he promises to continue at the Surgical School.

Private William B. Gambril, clerk for the detachment supply office, has had quite a few ghastly nights lately. An ardent fisherman, he has been dreaming that he sees hideous looking snakes in his sleep and awakens pretty well shaken up. Could be possible that he is dreaming of the worms he uses.

A female voice came over the 'phone and asked for "Benjamin." At that moment Benjamin Kingwell, assistant instructor of pharmacy, happened to be near by, so he answered the phone. He learned to his dismay that it wasn't for him but for our handsome young man—Benjamin T. Shedoudy, a clerk at headquarters. This correspondent advises the women friends of the enlisted personnel to call for their full name next time and avoid being in an embarrassing situation.

This Week at The Post Theater

Sunday, August 31

"Road to Zanzibar" starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Short Subjects: Information Please No. 5, and RKO News.

Wednesday, September 3

"Power Dive" starring Richard Arlen and Jean Parker.

Friday, September 5

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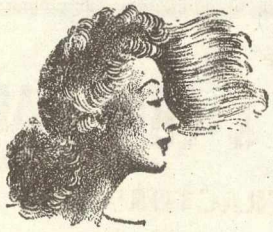
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The Vulgarization of 'V' in U.S.A.

From the New Yorker

V stood for Victory last week in the occupied but not altogether conquered countries of Europe, and we are very much afraid that in this free and often easy country P. stood for Presumptuousness. This, we feel, is a domestic affair which may fittingly be discussed in public, presumptuousness being a word that suggests immaturity rather than ill-breeding, bad judgment rather than black heart. V stood for Victory where men and women were not in a position to utter the whole word out loud, where people could do nothing more aggressive than try surreptitiously to let the invader know that their spirits, at least, were unconquerable. V stood for Victory where a man painting it on a wall at midnight might easily have been whipped or shot if caught. But one continent's brave symbolism all too readily became another's silly faddism. It was "smart," our newspapers said, to wear the V badges, to wave the two fingers at your friends, to tap out the Morse code for V in restaurants and cafés. One paper mentioned that a singer who nightly appears at the Rainbow Room made an impression at a fashionable luncheon joint by wearing "a black velvet heart-shaped hat, a V of the pins holding in place voluminous purple veiling." PM came out flat-footed and printed a handsome V on its front page, urging its readers to "cut it out and paste it on the window of your home or on your motor car." Where that sort of thing was going on, V stood for Vulgarization.

To put as fine a point on this minor matter as we are able to do, we have felt for some time, without knowing how to feel about a great many major matters, that this country has been developing an unseemly inclination to pat itself on the back for being at war with-out, however, making war. Now comes this impulse to claim our share of the very desperation of the warring nations, to make as if we are sorely tried but by no means downhearted, to pretend that our thumbs, too, are up, that we're as uncowed and as irrepressible, by heck, as any Frenchman or Belgian or Greek. Maybe we had better just accept the galling fact that the V-for-Victory idea, like champagne, is one thing on the continent of Europe and another thing on this one. Our sympathy with the idea is understandable; our participation in it at this juncture is as constructive as was our participation in that sign-language game called Handies which swept over us only a few years ago, leaving hundreds of thousands somewhat further cracked in the head than they had ever been before.

Will the soldiers who witnessed the bus accident in Santa Rosa on Friday, August 22d, please contact Russell Ross, Route 4, Box 113, Sebastopol, at once.

Twelve Things To Remember

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

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GENERAL ORDERS IN THE MESS HALL

1. To take charge of the spuds and all gravy in view.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for any stray sausage that comes within sight, smell, or hearing.
3. To report any bread sliced too thin to the mess sergeant.
4. To repeat all calls for coffee more distant from its position than my own.
5. To quit the table only when there is nothing left to eat.
6. To receive, but not pass on, to the next man to me, any meat, cabbage, or beans left by the K. P.'s or table waiters.
7. To talk to no one who asks for onions.
8. In case of fire in the mess hall, to grab all eatables left by others in their escape.
9. In any case not covered by instructions, to call the mess sergeant.
10. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of chow.
11. To salute all chicken, beefsteak, pork chops, ham and eggs, and liver.
12. To be especially watchful at the table, and during the time of eating to challenge anyone who gets more pie than I do.

—124th Cavalry News.

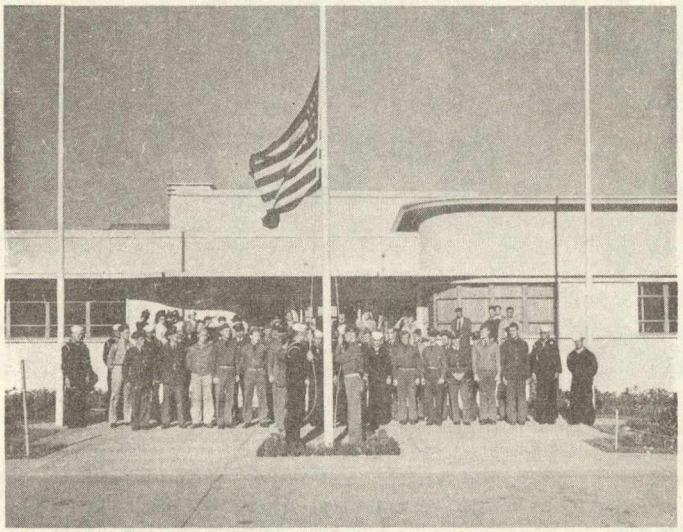
Opportunity for Soldiers To Earn Pocket Money

The National Broadcasting Company of Hollywood is sponsoring a contest in connection with the "Army Camp News" program which may serve as a source of pocket money to some of our personnel.

There will be five $5.00 prizes awarded each week to the men sending in the best five four-word poems on anything pertaining to army life. There is no limit to the number which may be sent in by contestants and the names of the winners will be announced on the "Army

(Continued on page eight)

San Francisco's Hospitality Home



Hospitality House is open every day—12 noon to 12 midnight, for the men in service, and it is the desire of Mayor Rossi to make every service men feel that this is his home while in San Francisco on his leaves. The house is specially provided with large reading and writing rooms, with a well equipped kitchen which is used by the Hostess of the Day, in serving refreshments to the service men.

Locker rooms, special ladies' lounge in which the friends or relatives of the boy can meet, the large lounge for impromptu dancing provided with a piano and juke music box, junior hostesses being provided as dancing partners each night.

The information desk has at all times a receptionist on duty for information—writing material is furnished free of charge; the railroads have a special agent on duty, for all travel information—special railroad rates can be obtained at the desk. Full listings of hotels where special rates are available for service men can be seen at the desk; many special events at private homes are listed and arrangements made to send service men—almost daily some citizen calls for a group of boys for dinner or a show, etc.

Twice monthly the Citizens' Committee are continuing the dances at Aquatic Park Casino—up to 2500 service men are admitted, with as many young ladies as dancing partners—the men admitted in uniform only. The men who have not taken advantage of these dances are missing very enjoyable evenings. The Aquatic Park Casino, besides being a beautiful building for dancing, lends itself admirably to sociability and the opportunity to meet the finest young ladies in San Francisco, all sponsored by the women's organizations of San Francisco. These dances will be continued twice monthly, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the 3rd and 17th of September being the dates for this month.

The City of San Francisco is making every effort to make the service man's stay in this area an enjoyable one—the 49-mile drive every Sunday leaves Hospitality House and is optional—the citizens are asked to be present around 1:00 o'clock and the drive takes two hours—points of interest are explained and a pamphlet is given the driver.

Director of Camp Theatricals Named

Appointment of Bernard Szold as director of Camp Theatrical Projects in the Ninth Corps Area was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, commanding general of the Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., following receipt of information from the National Theatre Conference.

Mr. Szold is scheduled to report in San Francisco Monday, September 8, after observing the successful large-scale operation of the camp theatricals project which has been in progress since last February at Fort Bragg, N. C. The projects are sponsored by the National Theatre Conference and are conducted as a part of the Army's morale program for productive use by soldiers of their leisure time.

Mr. Szold was born in Peoria, Ill., in 1898; studied the theatre at DePauw University, Northwestern University, and Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he was a football and track star. A veteran of the American Expeditionary Force in France, where he was active in sports and theatrical work, he embarked upon his professional theatrical career in 1923, and has been a successful director in many parts of the country.

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND—

For two days the men of Headquarters company, 147th Field Artillery had been on maneuvers near Fort Ord, California. They were tired. So they bedded down for a few winks of sleep. Suddenly from behind trees came an enemy Infantry party. The sleeping soldiers were roused and made prisoners. But a quick-thinking captured officer saved the day.

He announced himself as a umpire of maneuvers, declared the unit was already out of action and sent the unsuspecting raiders on their way. The enemy hadn't noticed that the captain did not wear a white arm-band, symbol of bona fide umpires.

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COLONEL WILLIAM D. HERBERT, M. C., Registrar

Hospital regulations direct that the registrar will perform the duties as outlined in AR 40-590 and such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Commanding Officer. He will have charge of all sick and wounded records and reports pertaining to all patients. He will exercise administrative jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to deaths and disposition of remains, and make the reports in connection therewith which may be required by existing regulations. He will prepare the necessary notification to the nearest relatives or friends of seriously ill patients and also a notification when such patients have been removed from the seriously ill list.

Colonel William D. Herbert, who has been Registrar at Letterman General Hospital since November 1, 1940, is a native of Englishtown, N. J. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, with the class of 1909, and for over two and one-half years served as an interne at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, and the New York Hospital in New York City.

He was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve and ordered to active duty on May 5, 1912, and a year later commissioned in the regular Army and assigned to station at Fort Jay, N. Y. He served in the Philippine Islands from 1915 to 1917 and then subsequently went overseas for duty in France for a period of 15 months. At one time he was commanding officer at Base Hospital, 48th; he also served as surgeon at the Port of Brest and afterwards went to Austria and Czechoslavakia as a member of the Red Cross Commission. He has served at Fort Totten, N. Y., Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver; Fort Hayes, Ohio, the Harbor Defenses of Los Angeles, and a prior tour of three years as Registrar at Letterman General Hospital. From 1935 to 1937 he was the Post Surgeon for the Harbor Defenses of Manila with station at Fort Mills.

Colonel Herbert was retired for disability incurred in line of duty on April 30, 1940, but was recalled to active duty to take over his present post.

Colonel Herbert is assisted in the administration of the Registrar's Office by Captain Specker and by Miss Francis Wilson who is his chief clerk and private secretary. It is the Colonel's expressed opinion that any credit for the smooth functioning of affairs coming within his jurisdiction must go to Miss Wilson, whose ability and personality are valuable assets.

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Shirley Temple makes buying Defense Savings Stamps a regular practice. She is shown with an album which is filling up faster than ever as she cooperates in Retailers-for-Defense Week.

Civilian Aid for Post Exchange

Formation of a volunteer committee of civilians to assist in personnel administration for Army Post Exchanges throughout the Ninth Corps Area was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, commanding general of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Members of the committee will interview civilian applicants for employment at such post exchange activities as general stores, meat markets, vegetable markets, service stations, restaurants, barber shops, laundries and tailor shops.

Formation of the committee was considered necessary to decentralize personnel activities under the new War Department system of centralized administration and coordination of operation of post exchanges. The new regulations provide that, insofar as is practicable, all employees of post exchanges be civilians. It was emphasized that employment will be possible only as vacancies occur.

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Second Kangaroo: "My goodness, I've had my pocket picked!"

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MEDICAL DETACH

Private Douglas L. Gabb, clerk in the office of Custodian of Patients Funds at Letterman is a "writer in his own right." Private Gabb submitted an article to the May Company Headlines Magazines on "Army Life at Letterman Hospital" and had it accepted. Accompanying the article was a picture of Private Gabb at work in the office.

Upon Sergeant Thomas R. Bell's induction into the Service in February, 1941 many of Sergeant Bell's friends were led to believe, as a joke, that Sergeant Bell was all of 32 years of age. He has continued to enjoy the joke until recent Government Orders releasing inductees 28 years of age or older fails to include Sergeant Bell who "isn't old enough." Now with his "oldster" pals approaching the "Honorable Discharge" stage the adage of "He who laughs last, laughs" applies and Sergeant Bell is GLUM. Buck up, buck!

Congratulations are in order for John B. Davidson recently appointed to the rank of Sergeant from that of Private First Class as well as Donald N. Scheel who likewise has had that distinction bestowed upon him.

Private First Class Lorenzo Hawkins has finally broken that "A letter a day to the wife" record he has been setting. Reason? Mrs. Hawkins has come to town, and San Francisco welcomes her. Ask "Ren."

In the Sacred Heart church on Saturday morning, August 30th, Father P. J. Powers joined together Sergeant Frank J. Shamrock of Letterman Hospital and Miss Mercedes Rassier, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Rassier in marriage. The couple will be at home to their friends at 735 Fillmore street, San Francisco.

On August 2, 1941 Sergeant Herbert Goldstein of this detachment and Miss Bernice Isabell Gewirtz were married. The marriage took place at Reno, Nev., and was followed by a ten-day honeymoon trip to the Sierra Madre mountains through Los Angeles, Calif., and return to San Francisco by way of the Coastal Route.

Mrs. Goldstein is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gervitz of San Francisco.

I wonder:

Who will buy that $125 watch to be seen at the P. X.?

If Sergeant Saurwein didn't look like Private George Sistek five years ago?

If the Charge of Quarters would be able to find another whistle soon enough to blow at 6:00 a. m. if the Sergeant on duty should lose his some morning early?

Romey's Market Best Baseballers

The boys on the Letterman Baseball team showed a new spirit Sunday although they lost a game to a superior pitching staff of the Romey's Market boys They overcame a four-run lead in the second inning by chalking up four hits which accounted for six runs sparked by a baseball player of fame a few years back, the one and only Staff Sgt. Vaughn Yoemans.

Although five of the regular squad were absent, the boys played very hard baseball from the time of the first pitch to the end of the game.

Private Gaydos proved himself to be the batting star of the game by collecting three hits out of four trips to the plate.

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Fujimoto, lf	3	1	1
Yoemans, 3b	5	1	1
Gaydos, ss	4	2	3
Haverty, c	4	1	0
Shamrock, p	4	1	1
Schneider, 1b	4	0	1
Taketa, 2b	2	0	0
Craig, cf	2	0	0
Mills, rf	3	0	0
Total	36	6	7

ROMEY'S MARKET

	AB	R	H
Chiappari, 2b	4	1	2
Rodriguez, cf	4	1	2
Witt, ss	5	2	2
Graber, c	3	1	2
Rosar, 3b	3	1	1
Hanna, lf	4	2	2
Adragna, cf	3	0	0
Sheehan, p	1	0	1
Pagee, p	1	0	0
Partinico, rf	1	1	1
Total	33	10	14

PLAYING SAFE

In a college town a student called at a oarding house to inquire about rooms.

"And what do you charge for your rooms," he asked.

"Five dollars up," was the reply.

"Yes, but I'm a student," he said, thinking the price a little high.

"That being the case, the price is $5 down," replied the landlady, who had had experience.

ALMOST ENDED HER

Mr. Smith — I understand your wife is a finished soprano.

Mr. Jones—No, not yet; but the neighbors almost got her last night.



Private First Class Robert L. Patterson of Letterman makes fishing his hobby. He claimed Mansfield, Ohio as his home until his enlistment at San Pedro, Calif., on September 11, 1940. Pfc. Patterson was sent to Ft. Lewis, Wash., from the enlistment station where he trained two months before being sent to Letterman Hospital. His present duties find him at work in the Baggage Room.

"Pat" claims that once fishing gets into your blood the way it has his a person just can't "stay put" very long. As proof of this he states that from 1936 to the time of his enlistment he worked just long enough in one place to support him for awhile and then "went fishing again." Pfc. Patterson's trips have taken him all over the west in search of fresh water game fish. He claims that "sea fishing" is alright, but not quite up to the mark with "fresh water fishing." His latest fishing reports are that fishing is pretty good up around Truckee, Calif.

"Pat" had been making his own flies prior to his enlistment, but has found it too messy to do around the barracks. He still claims he wouldn't touch a fishing pole that he hadn't first stripped of its wrappings and rewrapped to suit himself—barracks or no barracks.

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School days are here again! America is preparing her youth for the defense of the nation. The cost of our National Defense is stupendous. The cost of education is greater. National defense costs just now are peaked at this time of National Emergency. The costs of good education are distributed through the years. The average young citizen spends 12 to 16 years in public education if he so wishes. The cost for this instruction is tremendous. Were it to be peaked as is our National Defense effort it would stun us. Our present National budget would appear but a dribble.

Does education in our schools and universities contribute to the defense of America? We believe that it does. Jefferson believed that it did. Jackson believed that it did. Education is more than learning a trade, important though this be, it is essentially an intelligent awareness that the social family, ones own land and country are fundamental. "Lives there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said this is my own, my native land." Education should teach us this and create in us a desire to maintain, protect and defend the home land in industry, in commerce, the arts and ideals of social living. Real education is National Defense.

It is fortunate that here in America school days are here again.

(Elsewhere in this issue appears a schedule of courses available to ambitious young soldiers on duty at Letterman.)

FIGURES AND FACTS

Additions

First Lieutenant Jean P. Wozencraft, M. C., joined for temporary duty from Moffett Field, Calif.

Subtractions

Lieutenant Colonel Manfred U. Prescott, M. C., transferred to Moffett Field, Calif.

Major Edward C. Donohoe, M. C., transferred to Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Major Edmund H. Padden, M. C., transferred to Moffett Field, Calif.

Major Henry F. Piedel, M. C., transferred to Moffett Field, Calif.

Major Alfred J. Cooper, M. C., transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Second Lieutenant Gordon T. Ferguson, M. A. C., transferred to Moffett Field, Calif.

Second Lieutenant Maxine E. Wallace, A. N. C., to home on final leave of absence.

Second Lieutenant Fern Galbraith, A. N. C., to home on final leave of absence.

Second Lieutenant Alice K. Arns, A. N. C., to home on final leave of absence.

Sergeant Charles H. Buxton, transferred to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Sergeant Daniel Higgins to discharge.

Multiplications

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Bruce E. Silcher, 46th AB Sq 45th AB Gp, Hamilton Field, Calif., a daughter, Susan, August 31, 1941.

To Mess Sergeant and Mrs. Vincent W. Strausbauch, 1st Weather Sq A. C., Hamilton Field, Calif., a son, Paul Henry, August 29, 1941.

To S. Sergeant and Mrs. Ernest J. Savoy, DEML, Ft. McDowell, Calif., a son, Michael Phillip, August 26, 1941.

To S. Sergeant and Mrs. Karl Maeder, "Hq" 1st Military Area, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., a daughter, Karen Lipia, August 28, 1941.

Strength of command as of August 31, 1941:

Officers	126
Nurses	128
Enlisted men	779
Patients	1123
Grand Total of Personnel	2156

Mr. Meeker—So you're lost, little man? Why didn't you hang on to your mother's skirt?

Jackie (sniff)—Pleath, thir, I couldn't reach it.

Tourist—Do many strangers settle around here?

Tourist Home Proprietor—They all settle. An' them without no more baggage than you have got to settle in advance.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Miss Evelyn Hart volunteering to sew a button for a bachelor and then discover she lacked needle and thread. Little things like that change destinies. Be prepared.

Corporal Snyder, restlessly poised on a bench near D-1, waiting for some Santa Claus to come along the corridor and present him with a three-day week-end pass.

Jane Ann Kiley making Mass on time last Sunday. Well, nearly on time.

A nameless non-com learning suddenly that a wheeled litter is not a dray and turning into a dray horse himself to pack off the load.

McLendon, in the doorway of N-1, trying to decide whether to go in or come out. The decision was made for him.

Major Steinhoff explaining his latest invention to an interested group in the Staff Room. A new use for vitrified glass.

One of our young Chief Nurses advising a group of her conferres to watch out for the "Observer"—or else.

Mr. Sergeant Allen grinning at the recollection of a paragraph he read in this column last week. Or maybe it was just a sentence.

The P. X. Officer tirelessly and patiently passing out paper money to the patients on pay day in exchange for the little green slip Uncle Sam gives us all at the end of the month.

Captain Pohlman in a solemn mood.

No foolin'.

SHELL SHOCK

Farmer Giles: "What be ailing that old hen of yours "

Farmer Wiles: "Shell shock. Ducks came out of the eggs she'd been sitting on."

PLENTY LEFT

Mrs. Blank (showing her guest a home-made radio): "My husband made the cabinet as well."

"Oh, did he work to a design?" asked the guest.

"No," said Mrs. Blank. "He made it out of his head and he's got enough wood left over for a small table."

The Chaplain's Corner

Religious Services for
Sunday, September 7, 1941
IN THE POST CHAPEL
Mass at 8:00 a. m.
Morning Worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio Service to All Wards
9:00 a. m.
IN THE POST THEATRE
Even song service at 6:00 p. m.

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Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna is taking advantage of a twenty-five-day leave of absence and has gone east to visit in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and New York.

In his absence the Catholic Services on Sundays in the post chapel will be conducted by a priest from the faculty of the University of San Francisco.

Chaplain Theodore J. Hatton, of Fort Scott, will be available for all calls and will make routine visits to the wards during the month of September.

The office of the Zone Constructing Quartermaster announced in San Francisco today the installation of sixty Hammond Electric Organs, a part of 555 recently purchased by the Quartermaster General at a total cost of $532,038, in each of the Ninth Zone's new regimental chapels.

Now that delivery has begun, it is expected that the organs will be available for use in a short time.

Each of the new chapels has a seating capacity of 300 downstairs with seats for an additional 57 in the balcony, where the organs are being installed in a space six by six feet square. The tone cabinet, or speaker, is mounted in cork in the coiling above the balcony.

Significant features of the chapels are a movable altar, pulpit and lectern, so constructed as to be adaptable for use by various religious groups. A series of doors and panels provides the essential requirements for each service.

A LONG JOB

The first officer called a deckhand to him and said: "Go below and break up that poker game."

The sailor was away for the better part of an hour. When he returned the officer barked: "Did you break up that game?"

"Yes sir," said the sailor.

"What in thunder took you so long?" demanded the officer.

"Well, sir," the sailor replied, "I had only a quarter to start with."

EDUCATION NEGLECTED

Tess—I went to college four years and was never kissed.

Bess—That was no college, that was a convent.

Mabel: "Are you in town for good, Alec?"

Alec: "Well, I hate to commit myself!"

SOLDIER ARTIST EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

Sponsored by a volunteer group of art patrons, critics and museum directors, the first National Soldier-Artists Exhibition, open to all men in the service, will be held in New York City from September 15 to 30.

About 50 of the best works in the New York show will be selected for a traveling exhibition to begin a tour of museums early in October.

Any soldier now in camp or accepted for service before September 1 may submit up to three entries in anymedium except sculpture.

Works accomplished since 1935 will be eligible for this exhibition.

Chairman of the Soldier-Artists Exhibition Committee is Clinton W. Parker, of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, New York. Space for hanging the show has been allotted in the galleries of the Contemporary Arts, 38 West 57th Street, New York City, of which Emily A. Francis is founder-president.

To participate soldiers must send their name, serial number and both camp and home address to Miss Francis, director of the exhibit, at the gallery not later than August 25.

Daniel Cattan Rich, director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will head the jury of selection for the New York exhibition. This first jury will meet September 8 at a place to be designated later.

Soldier-artists will receive shipping instructions after the last registration date. No entry charges will be made and where necessary, the committee will help with the transportation chargs.

A second jury—Gordon Washburn, director of the Fine Arts Museum, Buffalo, N. Y.; James S. Plaut, director of the Institute of Modern Art, Boston, Mass., and another museum director to be appointed—will meet at the galleries after the main exhibition is on view to select about 50 works to form the traveling exhibition.

Museum directors all over the country have expressed interest in this project and are planning to sponsor the traveling exhibition in their vicinity. Inquiries for dates have been received from many places including: Baton Rouge, La., the University of Minnesota, the Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, O.; the Central College of Education, Ellenburg, Wash.; the San Francisco Museum, San Francisco, and the Fine Arts Museum of Portland, Ore.

It is definitely scheduled to go to the G. W. V. Smith Memorial Gallery in Springfield, Mass, from October 11 to 29. Two or three exhibits may be sent out during the season Many prominent people in the New York art world are sponsoring the exhiibtion, among them are Edward Alden Jewell, art editor of the New York Times; Peyton Boswell, Jr., editor of the Art Digest; Mrs. Juliana Force, director of the Whitney Museum, and Alexander Wall, director of the New York Historical Society.

Other New York sponsors include Admiral Reginald Belknap, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Belknap; Mr. and Mrs. Jose Camprubi; Miss Cornelia Van A. Chapin, nationally known sculptress; Philip A. Benson, president of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Burton Emmett.

MOTOR REPAIR DEPOTS ORDERED

Third and fourth echelon motor repair shops are being constructed at seven Pacific coast military posts at a cost of approximately $2,900,000, it was announced today at the office of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster in San Francisco.

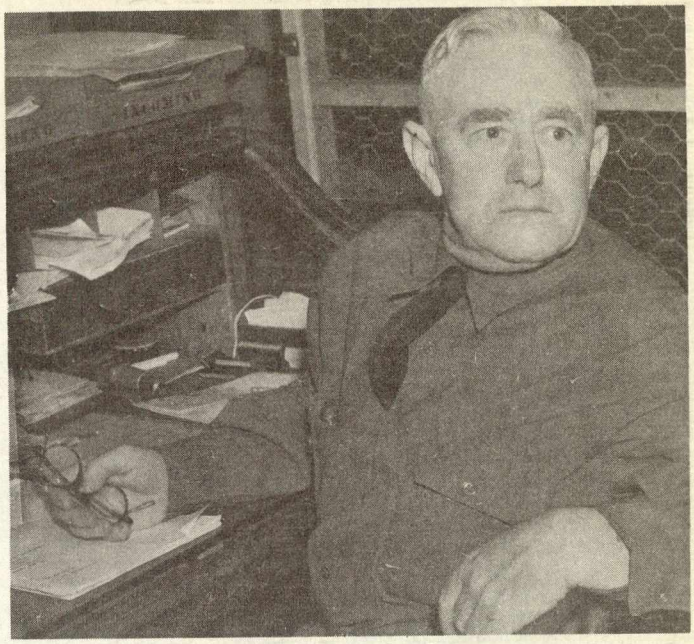
Construction is under progress for heavy and light maintenance, oil houses, grease racks, and wash racks, at each of the following: Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Camp Roberts, San Miguel, Calif.; Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif.; and Stockton Motor Repair Base, Calif.

Quartermaster Corps motor maintenance of Army vehicles is handled progressively through four echelons. First echelon repairs include such items as checking tires and batteries, which can be handled by drivers. Second echelon repairs, such as carburetor adjustments, requiring no replacement of parts, are handled at the local motor park by mechanics. Third echelon repairs include he replacement of minor parts and may be made at stationary shops or at rolling machine shops equipped with heavy repair facilities. Fourth echelon, demanding motor overhauls and other major repairs, functions at motor maintenance depots, which are authorized for camps of more than 30,000-man strength.

All but fourth echelon repairs can be made along the line of march.

Third and fourth echelon facilities will be provided at Camp Haan and Fort Lewis, fourth echelon at Stockton, and third echelon at Fort Ord, Camp Roberts, Camp San Luis Obispo and Camp Callan.

HERE IS AN ARMY OLD TIMER



TECHNICAL SERGEANT FRANK S. O'BRIEN
In Charge of Baggage and Clothing

Another old timer who is deserving of special mention by reason of his continuous service at this station is Technical Sergeant Frank S. O'Brien who has been in charge of the Baggage and Clothing Room here since 1923.

Sergeant O'Brien was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 15, 1888. In March, 1917 he enlisted with the 107th New York Infantry and was sent overseas as a machine gunner. While with this regiment he saw service in the Belgium sector of the East Poperhinge, Dicke Bush Lake, Versviant Ridge, Ypres, and in the French sector of Knoll-Guilemon Farms, St. Quintin, and Cambrai. To his division fell the honor of smashing the Hindenburg line on September 29, 1918. O'Brien. on his discharge from the 27th Division subsequenly enlisted with the 17th Cavalry for duty in Honolulu. In 1922 he reported for duy at Letterman Hospial and was first assigned to the Dental Clinic. A year later he was transferred to the Clothing and Baggage Department where he has been ever since.

In his long tour of duty in this department he has devised a system of checking baggage and clothing so that everything is readily accessible on request. With hundreds of patients coming and going through his department all would be confusion were it not for the able direction of Sergeant O'Brien.



Q. M. NEWS

On the ocacsion of the completion of two successful years as Quartermaster of the hospital on August 4, 1941, Lieutenant Colonel Everett Busch issued the following memorandum to the personnel of the Quartermaster Corps serving under his supervision:

"The undersigned has, this day, completed two years of duty as Quartermaster at the hospital.

"I wish to take this occasion to express my grateful appreciation of the full cooperation I have received from all persons — civilian employees, military personnel, and WPA employees, during this busy period of expanding activities. The obvious interest everyone has taken to make all improvements lasting ones, of permanent benefit to the hospital, is indication of a high morale and a high class of personnel.

"My personal thanks go out to every person who has contributed to the success of the program."

In reply, Colonel, we who have enjoyed the good fortune of your just and considerate administration could only have accomplished the work of which you speak through your energetic guidance and consideration. We could not help but follow the example you have set for us in energy and the will to do. We sincerely hope that we may continue to enjoy the benefit of your leadership for a long, long time to come. Congratulations, Colonel, and may your next two years be as prductive and pleasant.

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Lieut. Maurice R. Brice has resumed his duties of Detachment Commander, Sales Officer, and Transportation Officer after a brief but pleasant vacation among the Redwoods of California and Oregon, and a flying trip to British Columbia. Glad to have you back with us, Lieutenant. We understand that at one time you seriously considered abandoning your car and taking to a rowboat.

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Private First Class Dean Latimer returned to duty during the week, after a brief sojourn in the hospital, where he was deprived of some of his instruments of food disposal.

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Have you noticed the nice new and shiny ambulances now in use at the hospital? We understand that Technical Sergeant Dave Gimble, the proud N. C. O. in charge of the garage, has applied to the Ordnance Office for the issue of a sawed-off shotgun for use on anyone who has the audacity to so much as lay a finger on one of them and mar their polish. We can readily understand your pride in the new Cadillac and Packard ambulances, Sarge, after you having to nurse the old Fords and Chevrolets along for so long.

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Mr. Lupe Castro, the chief engineer of the Power Plant, will also soon be in receipt of new equipment of which he may well be proud, as the War Department has authorized the installation of a new 450 h. p. boiler in the plant, at a cost of $30,000.00, to replace two old 150 h. p. boilers which have been in use since 1907. The installation of the new boilers and an additional 500 k. w. generator, previously authorized, will give us a plant capable of meeting all of the requirements of the hospital.

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We all wish Mr. William J. Witts a speedy and complete recovery from illness which has necessitated his spending the past month under the doctor's care. It is believed that Mr. Witts has the honor of being the oldest member of the personnel of the hospital, in length of service. He has been an employee of the hospital since July 27, 1914.

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Our congratulations are also extended to Staff Sergeant Felix Trentowski, who was recently promoted from the grade of sergeant. Sergeant Trentowski is also one of the old timers, having served as foreman painter for the past twenty years.

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Mr. Ernest W. Jacobs and Mrs. Sue M. Greenwell have returned to their desks in the Quartermaster's Office after brief vacations. We are glad to have them back with us.

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Mr. John C. Davidson, the congenial foreman of the Printing Plant, is enjoying a brief vacation on the California beaches with his family. Hope you get the desired sun tan, Dave.

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The quartermaster corps is pleased to announce to the public that Master Johnny Streit, one of our clients, has established himself in the rabbit and guinea pig business. We unhesitatingly recommend Johnny as a person who can be expected to conduct his business according to the highest principles. We suggest that it would be to the interest of anyone in need of rabbits or guinea pigs to consult Johnny before looking elsewhere. Quarters No. 22, Letterman General Hospital.

SCHOOL OPENS AT GALILEO

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gray, was out to see us and has offered very generously to give our soldiers, both Corps men and patients, too. if it can be arranged, every opportunity to attend evening schools. Busses will carry soldiers from Forts Cronkheit and Scott and the Presidio to Galileo. We hope enough energetic men here will enroll so that a bus can be provided for us.

The list of school courses available is printed in this issue for your perusal.

School courses are for your convenience. In case of temporary interruption occasioned by work schedule changes you will still be able to carry on your course.

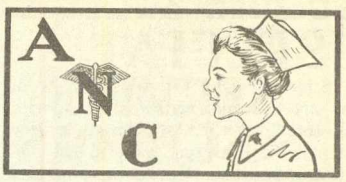
It is a marvelous opportunity; a good soldier should be a spirited student and a spirited student makes a good soldier. The Army is interested in you; the schools are interested in you. Are you interested in using every spare moment constructively to improve yourself? Schools begin September 3rd. See Chaplain's Office for information concerning enrollment.

Galileo Adult Education Center

Subject	Days
Aeronautics	M-T-Th
Americanization (beg.)	M-T-W-Th
Americanization	M-T-W-Th
Astronomy	T
Auto Mechanics	T-Th
Machine Shop	M-T-W-Th
Mill Cabinet	M-W
Pattern (Mill Cabinet)	T-Th
Aeronautics*	M-T-Th
Americanization (beg.)*	M-T-W-Th
Americanization*	M-T-W-Th
Astronomy*	T
Auto Mechanics*	T-Th
Machine Shop*	M-T-W-Th
Mill Cabinet*	M-W
Pattern (Mill Cabinet)*	T-Th
Bookkeeping (beg.)	M-T-W-Th
Bookkeeping (int.)	M-T-W-Th
Business English and Spelling	M-T-W-Th
Calculating Machines	M-T-W-Th
Chinese (Cantonese)*	M-T-W-Th
Citizenship*	M-T-W-Th
Civil Service*	M-T-W-Th
Dictation (Int.)	M-T-W-Th
Dictation (Rapid)	M-T-W-Th
Drawing, Design and Commercial Art*	T-Th
Dressmaking	M-W
English	M-T-W-Th
Gregg Shorthand (Beg.)	M-T-W-Th
Gregg Shorthand (Int.)	M-T-W-Th
Harmony	W
Orchestra	M
Singing*	Th
Journalism	M-T-W-Th
Short Story	M-T-W-Th
Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geom. Trig.)	M-T-W-Th
Music History*	T
Opera*	Th
Photography (Beg.)*	M-W
Photography (Adv.)*	T-Th
Physical Education (men)*	T
Physical Education (women)*	T-Th
Physical Education*	M-W
Public Speaking	M-T-W-Th
Spanish (Beg.)	M-W
Spanish (Adv.)	T-Th
Typing	T-Th
Typing	M-T-W-Th
Typing	M-W

*Those courses with an asterisk (*) after the name are for solid periods—that is, from 7:00 until 9:15 p. m. Period One runs from 7:00-8:05; Period Two, from 8:10-9:15 p. m.

Those students desiring less than a full course must receive permission from the principal.



Second Lieutenant Marian M. Collins, ANC-Reserve, reported for active duty on September 2nd. Miss Collins is a native of Durand, Wis., took her professional training at the Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wis. For two years prior to joining station here she was with the Western Pacific railroad in the capacity of Stewardess-Nurse on the well known "Exposition Flyer" running between San Francisco and Chicago.

Miss Anna P. Hart left on September 2nd for a thirty-day leave of absence to be spent in Los Angeles.

Miss Helen G. Johnson is taking advantage of a fifteen days leave to visit in Washington.

Miss Norma A. Pickering has returned to duty after nine days of leave in Oregon.

Miss Maxine E. Wallace went on final leave on September 1st and is now at her home in Salinas.

Some marine fishes are as sensitive to cold as to heat, a University of California scientist reports.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, assistant instructor at the surgical school, was relieved from duty at the school, for a short time, and went on detached service to St. Paul, Minn. He has four days delay en route and expects to visit his parents at Eagle Grove, Iowa.

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Private Robert Ransom, assistant instructor at the pharmacy school, spent Labor Day holiday taking in the sights around Stockton and nearby vicinity, and also attended the Sacramento State Fair, one of the largest fairs in the entire United States.

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Albert H. Kachner, assistant instructor at the X-ray school, spent the three-day holiday with his parents and intimate friends at Fresno, Calif. According to Kachner, he found enough time at home to go dove hunting on Sunday and bag some nice specimens.

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Seems like Lady Luck smiled on our instructor at the dental school. Staff Sergeant William L. Walker was walking on Geary street minding his own business, when all of a sudden he sees before him what resembles a crumpled bit of currency. He stoops down, to satisfy his own curiosity, and he finds it a brand new ten dollar bill! According to Walker, it sure did come in handy over the week-end!

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The outstanding student of the week is Private Veron J. Williams, who was chosen from the dental school after a close vote because of so many excellent scholars in this school.

Private Williams was born in Rexburg, Ida., on November 11, 1917. He later attended elementary and high school in Salt Lake City. Soon after graduation he accepted employment with a commercial dental laboratory firm in Los Angeles, where he had five years of experience in constructing crowns, bridges, dentures and splints.

Williams was inducted into the Army on May 23, 1941, at Fort McArthur, Calif. He was later sent to Fort Ord where he was assigned to the dental laboratory and selected for a course of instruction in our school.

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Private William B. Gambril, clerk at the detachment supply office, left on furlough on Wednesday morning, Sepember 3, 1941. He will be gone for ten days. Gambril expects to get a much needed rest in the mountains, and according to him, he will spend part of the time hunting deer.

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During the past week fourteen additional students reported for duty at the Special Service Schools. They are Floyd D. Schlapia, Charles P. Kearney, and Ervin R. Nihranz, from Gowen Field, Boise, Ida.; Arden L. Pullian, from For MacArthur, Calif.; Robert F. Swain, Frank E. Kern, from Presidio of Monterey, Fort Ord, Calif.; Jack Tudor, William G. Meagher, Norman W. Hopkins and Joseph A. West, from Moffet Field, Calif.; Mabry W. Clark and Franklin C. Bruce, from Bakersfield, Calif.; Norman Tucker and Lawrence C. Garrison, from Gardner Field, Calif.

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Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Flatt, detachment commander of the Special Service Schools, has received orders relieving him of his duties here and ordering him to report for duty at 153rd Station hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. Captain Wilson T. Smith, supply officer, will assume the duties of detachment commander.



"No, no, when I said skunks I was referring to the enemy!"

Mr. Meeker—So you're lost, little man? Why didn't you hang on to your mother's skirt?

Jackie (sniff)—Pleath, thir, I couldn't reach it.

First Londoner—What do you do with your old razor blades?

Second Ditto—Since the first six months of the war I've been shaving with 'em.

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DEFENSE MATERIAL SURVEY

As a part of the nation-wide drive to conserve vital national defense materials, the office of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster is conducting a survey extending through all seven states of the Ninth Zone to ascertain amounts of critical materials not readily obtainable but which are constantly in demand for the progress of Army construction, it was reported at the Zone office in San Francisco today.

Constructing Quartermasters at all projects under the jurisdiction of the Zone office are locating surprising amounts of vital materials lying idle as a result of the policy of "protective buying" indulged in by many industries and business firms.

Due to imperative demands for the regular materials of construction, and the necessity of adopting many substitutes for such items as aluminum, nickel, copper, zinc, chromium, tin and lead, this survey will continue until all sources of information or supply are exhausted.

Industries under survey are foundries, furnace and heating appliance manufacturers, wholesale hardware dealers, industrial iron works, mining and mill supply jobbers, sheet metal shops, plumbing supply dealers, pipe jobbers, railroad supply dealers, commercial refrigerator supply houses, steel mills, steel fabricators, mining companies and bridge builders.

Originated by and at present being conducted only in the Ninth Zone, the survey will likely be undertaken in other zones. As it will aid in preventing construction delays, it will result in further economies already effected by the substitution of critical materials to those of greater availability.

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CAMP BLANDING, Fla. (Spscial—Private "Pop" Johnson of Company D, 167th infantry, tossed a yoo hoo note from a convoy in the hope that a pretty girl would retrieve it. It read:

"I'm just a soldier, lonesome and blue.
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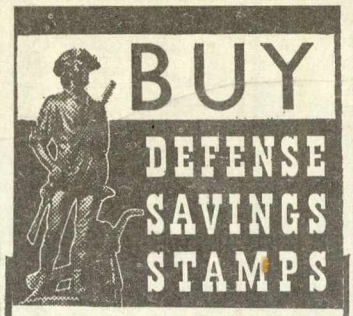
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EARN POCKET MONEY

(Continued from page 1)

Camp News" program aired each Wednesday evening at 8:15 over station KGO in San Francisco.

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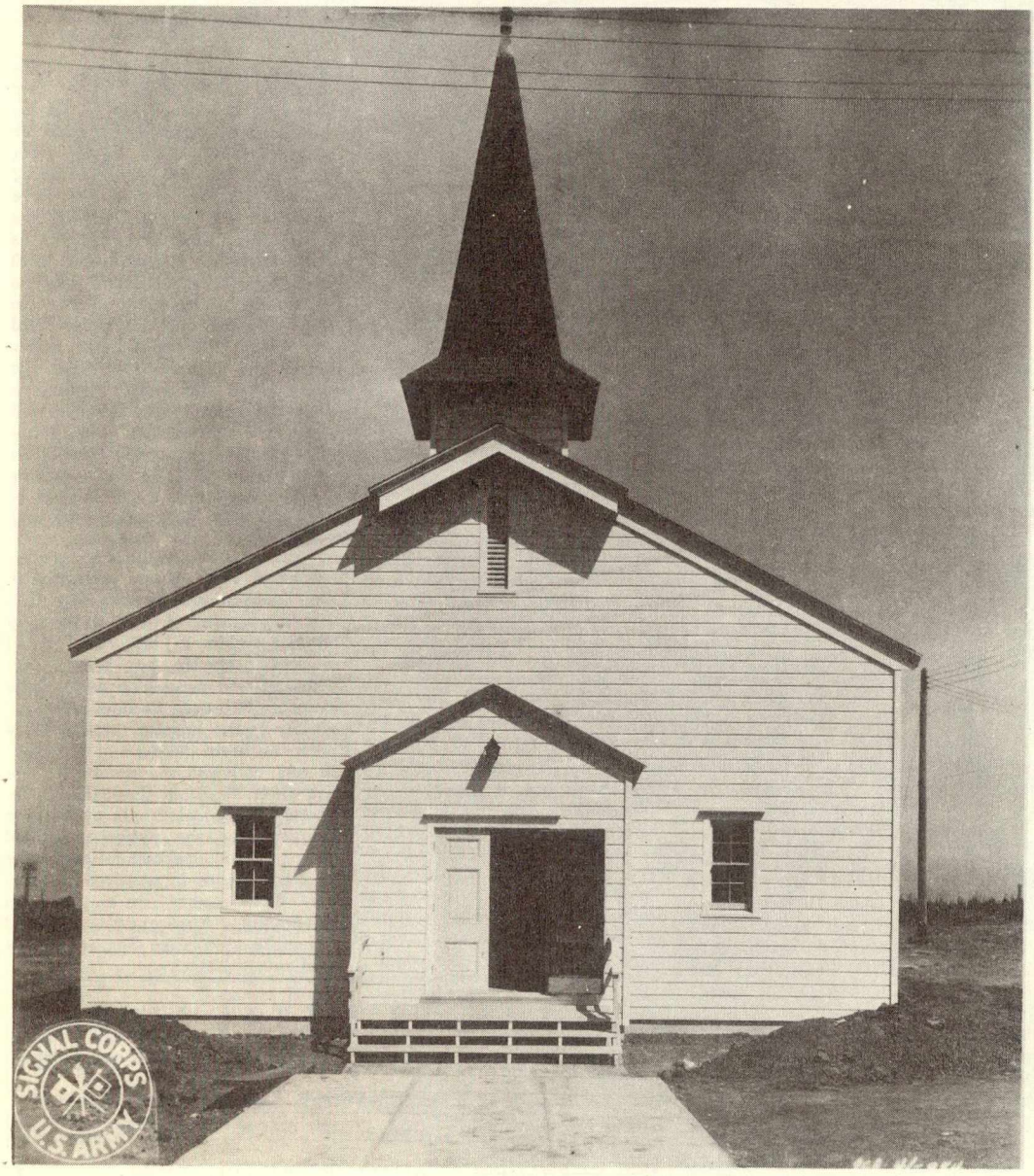
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FIRST NEW WEST COAST ARMY CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED



The following statements by chaplains responsible for the carrying out of the program visualized by the War Department will serve to indicate the importance of the chapel mission.

Use of Chapels

In a recent Technical Circular received from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains the real purpose and use of its Chapels is presented in a clear and concise manner as follows:

"Funds for the Chapels now being constructed were made available by the Congress for the express purpose of providing adequate facilities for worship and spiritual, moral, cultural and character building activities. In order that these purposes may be carried out, commanding officers will take proper measures to insure that chapels will at all times be available for Chaplains in carrying out the above purpose, including cooperation with churches in nearby communities."

From the above it is evident that it is evident that it is the desire of our people through their representatives in Congress to hold fast to and develop the religious beliefs of those called into service and it is the earnest desire and prayer of the Chaplains to use the means at hand to carry on this grand mission; no greater ideal was ever sought for by any country than that presented by our own; all and every means made available for the material development of the man-power of our country and a corresponding great effort for the protection, development and care of the spiritual and moral well being of our men. May we with God's help as Chaplains prove worthy of our task in the use of the facilities afforded us in our efforts to carry out the above For God and Country.

William J. Ryan,
Chaplain,
Fourth Army

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INTRODUCING COLONEL EMERSON



COLONEL GOUVERNEUR V. EMERSON, M. C.

Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Milford, March 8, 1889. He is a graduate of Medical-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1914. He spent his interneship at Philadelphia General Hospital, 1914-1916. He was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps, October 11, 1916. He was graduated from the Army Medical School, 1917, and was appointed as 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army, February 2, 1917. On March 28, 1918, he was promoted to Major. On February 2, 1937, he achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel and on June 26, 1941, was appointed as Colonel, Medical Corps, United States Army.

On graduating from the Army Medical School, Colonel Emerson served with the 23rd Infantry along the Rio Grande near El Paso, Texas. Later he was assigned to Station Hospital, Camp Harry J. Jones, Douglas, Arizona. His next assignment was to the 18th Infantry and in May, 1917, he went overseas with the 18th Infantry as Battalion Surgeon. The 18th Infantry was a part of the First Division of World War fame. Subsequently he commanded Field Hospital No. 13 of the First Division. Later he was advanced to Regimental Surgeon of the 26th Infantry also of the 1st Division. He later was assigned as assistant to the Division Surgeon of the 1st Division during its occupation of Germany.

Colonel Emerson returned to the United States in October, 1919, and was assigned to duty with the Surgical Service, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. Subsequent assignments are as follows: Chief of the Surgical Service, Camp Meade, Maryland; Fort Monroe, Virginia; and Chief of Surgical Service, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Colonel Emerson was on duty at Walter Reed Hospital, 1925-1928. In 1931 he was assigned as Chief of the Surgical Service at Sternberg General Hospital, Philippine Islands, where he remained from 1931 to 1933.

On returning to the United States Colonel Emerson was assigned as Chief of the Surgical Service at Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, from 1933 to 1936. Later he was assigned Chief of Surgical Service of the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from 1936 to 1940. In November, 1941, he began his service here at Letterman General Hospital as Chief of the Surgical Service where he remains as a very efficient servant of the Medical Corps of the United States Army.

In November, 1919, Colonel Emerson was married to Miss Marie V. McLaughlin of Jersey City, New Jersey. Two children were born to the Emersons, Teresa, who now attends Marin Junior College, Kentfield, Calif., and son, Everett, a student in Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif.

Colonel Emerson holds the Mexican Border and also the Victory Medals with four stars. A brief survey of the Colonel's record, together with a study of his fine efficiency and mastery of his science, and one is impressed that nowhere in any field of technical service and nowhere in the Army of the United States does one find a finer representative of serious technical ability devoted to the service and cause of the United States and its citizens.

EVOLUTION

Two patients were in a reflective mood trying to think while a third patient was in the act of snoring to the house tops. Said the first patient to the second, "I wonder why snoring was invented, it seems so useless.' Said the second, "Snoring is obsolete equipment for the human race. Time once was when snoring was a defense equipment." "How?" Asked the first patient. Observed the second patient, " In early prehistoric days when man was fatigued or needed rest sleep could only safely be indulged in when snoring was loud enough to frighten off the mastadon, the hairy nirocerous and the dinosaur. It was a very useful accompaniment of the living process.' Said the first patient hopefully, "Will our new national defense program provide us with new defense weapons?" Some of our present equipment would only reveal our location to the enemy."

A new school of psychology is developing "down East." The new theory is that knowledge is not located in some mysterious mind or soul but in the skin. Judging from this set up we will soon be saying of our children not that they have "shallow minds' but that intelligence is but "skin deep." This reminds us of a statement written some 3,000 years ago. The occasion was no doubt one of remorse over some foible or other and the writer cried out, "Oh, I was as a beast before three.' The Hebrew for "beast" in this case is the word "hippopatamus." In other words the man felt very thick skinned not to say clumsy in the presence of the ideal. Maybe the hippopotamus will again be in the lime light as a symbol of learning and intelligence? Strange world this.

Samuel F. B. Morse presented to the incredulous world his first working model of wire telegraphy on September 2, 1837. The model worked perfectly but public "reception" was poor. The way of the inventor is hard! Perhaps the university is the hospital in which are born the brain children of progress? If our colleges or universities are not such hospitals they should be. Today 50,000 telegraph offices are required for the public need and over two and one-half million miles of copper wire is required for service. 65,000 people are employed in telegraphy. Apparently we need "Mor(s)e men" like Samuel Morse, said our punster?

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MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal Ralph Comstock makes the following statement: "All persons entering the confnes of the hospital grounds and wearing plaid dresses will please "register" with me at the office." Strange, but Ralph is referring to something dark, slim and very feminine, and "that ain't no Highlander."

Private Albert Niemeyer is the proud father of a seven pound, three ounce baby girl that his wife presented him wih at the U. C. Hospital at 3:40 p. m. on Saturday, September 6. Congratulations! Private and Mrs. Niemeyer.

Surprising incident:

Last Saturday about 3:00 p. m. an elderly, distinguished looking gentleman walked into the Service Club and asked if any of the boys would like to go for a ride and see the town. Some of the fellows didn't bother to look up. but the three or four who did, aren't sorry, I know, 'cause when they stepped outside and saw the car—a 1941 Lincoln Zephyr Continental sedan, light blue color with spare tire behind and white-walled tires and all—Wow!!! The gentlemen took the boys all over town, went to playland at the beach and took in all the amusements, and then took them to dinner.

The very generous gentleman, Mr. J. H. Herzstein, is a Spanish-American War veteran. Thanks, Mr. Herzstein, I'm sure they enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Another deachment man to welcome his wife to San Francisco is Private Verne S. Whitehead. Mrs. Whitehead is from Salt Lake City and plans to remain in San Francisco while Private Whitehead is stationed at Letterman, shall we say, "for the duration"?

I seems that someone must have taken this column seriously last Saturday nite and borrowed the whistle from the C.Q's office. Anyway we didn't hear it blow Sunday morning.

We have heard it rumored that Staff Sergeant Hodge is anticipating marriage sometime next month. Good luck to you, Sergeant Hodge!

Have you seen Sergeant Shamrock's "hair do?" Remarkable!

Sergeant Percy E. Warren, whose discharge comes up in the very near future, is planning to reenlist. Sergeant Warren has an interesting, as well as enviable record. Eight "excellent" ratings are listed after his name for his previous enlistments, and that is a real achievement.

It has come to our attention that many men leaving the hospital have requested that they be included on the "Fog Horn" mailing list. We don't know—yet—maybe it can happen here.

Private Eastenovich, the William Powell of L.G.H., is turning all eyes from the glitter of the Marine uniform to those tailored silk slacks. Corp men report to the quartermaster for your issue. You too can be a Beau Brummel.

Pvt. Stoekl and Pvt. Titus are flying to Fresno September 15. Watch the "Fog Horn" for their report on the "Morgue."

Some get a lift from a coke, some get a lift from a cigarette. Sgt. Burnett of the receiving office gets a lift from lifting the receiver at 10 p. m. nightly.

Pft. "Windy" West comes out with scars of the battle. He fairly "glows" for his team.

HOBBIES

Music composition is the spare time consuming hobby of Private Paul W. Erickson. Private Erickson, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, came to this country with his parents in 1923 at the age of six. The Ericksons moved to San Francisco where Pvt. Erickson took up the study of music at an early age and had Dr. W. Violette as a private tutor as well as instruction from the Music and Art Institute of San Francisco. Pvt. Erickson soon learned that music composition was to be his life's work.

At the present time he is working on a musical score, a concert band number, to add to those he has completed. He composed "Sing Ho", a a song of the Golden West, which was sung at the Hotel Whitcomb, city churches and the Danish Society in Oakland. Two songs, "Shadows Are Cool," and "If You Would Know" as well as "Shaconne Fantasie," a string quintet arangement, were all present at a recital given at the San Francisco Museum of Art.

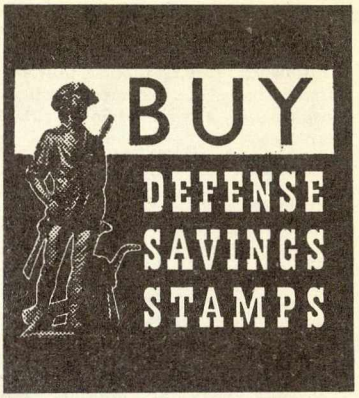
As a means to an end, Jvt. Erickson has changed a vocation to an avocation that he might fall right into step with his musical world when Uncle Sam relinquishes his emergency demands. His plans encompass further study to strengthen the foundation for the development of an inherent, native ability, and his knowledge of the piano and the string instruments in particular will aid him in this development.

INTERVIEWS FOR APPLICANTS IN SIGNAL CORPS

A schedule of interviews of applicants for commissions in the Signal Corps Reserve was announced at the Headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, Commanding General, Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Applicants must be unmaried, between 21 and 36 years old, graduate electrical engineers, electronic physicists, or the equivalent, and must volunteer for duty outside the continental limits of the United States. Interviews will be conducted on Friday, September 12, at 3:00 o'clock, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

More persons hear owls than see them, as they are most active at night.



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EDITORIAL

"This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom." Abraham Lincoln was not only a seer, he was a prophet! Seventy-seven years ago, looking through those fathomless eyes, Lincoln visualized this day. The Gettysburg address is just now coming into realization. In all the years since Lincoln's time America—"this nation," as Lincoln visualized it, has not been "under God" and we have not enjoyed the "new birth of freedom." To the contrary we have been both shallow and material minded. We have been "dollar mad." The great visions of great men have gone unheeded. We have pursued a "hand to mouth" pattern in our civilization. We have become short-sighted and have lost in so doing the path to social and spiritual independence. A "birth of freedom" is not a case of "like begets like." The birth of freedom is not a case of "like father like son." The new birth of freedom will come into being only when America is prepared to take the long view of life, this nation, not today merely, not for its next decade, but this nation "under God"—the Eternal Span.

Only when we are willing to live our lives and think our thoughts and arrange our industry so that they, as a whole, are eternal in time, are we free. This nation under God—first under God—then a new birth of freedom.

Were Lincoln here today and could visualize the 600 Army Chapels, scattered in our Army centers, armed with long range thoughts and hopes and understanding, his seeming sadness would pass away. This Army under God—and maybe in a place and in a situation where we least expect light, light will break forth. Lincoln spoke to soldiers at Gettysburg. Were he to speak to America today most likely it again would be to or through the Army. We can hear his words—"This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom." Would he not also add these words now—"And today is the day of divine realization." We welcome the chapel to each Army Post. It will arm America with the long range vision and protect us against the shallow and the trivial and give us once again the command of the highways of thought and of freedom.

THE ARMY IS ON THE JOB

Headquarters directed local draft boards to speed arrangements for aiding in the reemployment of soldiers the Army is planning to release beginning September 1 by getting in touch with former employers or finding other jobs for the soldiers. In the first case of its kind, a discharged selectee from New York was returned to his former job after the local U. S. attorney requested his firm to take him back for at least one year although the firm said his job had been abolished while he was gone.

Officers Named To Attend Special School in Kansas

Five officers are to attend the fifth special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Those selected for the two months' course are:

Lieut. Colonel James R. Finley, Cavalry, Fort Steven, Oregon.

Major Lester H. Hall, Infantry, 5946 N.E. 29th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Major Glenn I. Pierce, Infantry, Pacific Grove, California.

Major Arthur L. Harding, Infantry, 720 East B Street, Moscow, Idaho.

Captain Carl V. Satt, Infantry, 2634 South Downing Street, Denver, Colorado.

National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, is endeavoring to develop a better spark plug for airplane engines.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Officers tennis court is open for business. Captain Cutts has a very difficult service. The Captain Cutts the ball. Major Nichol has been studying Big Bill Tilden's exhibitions of superb tennis. The Major has improved immensely. He is a syndrome of tennis operation excellence!

Lt. and Mrs. Sandberg are enrolling for Spanish at Galileo High School. Congratulations!

Quite a good many officers and men are enrolling in evening school. "More power to you."

Private Wm. P. Anni Onomus finds that "dog days" are here and complains of woolen O.D. shirts. He suggests the slogan "Keep 'Em Cooler with Khaki." We understand that warmblooded he-men like Private Onomus are needed in Alaska. If so we suggest another slogan "Keep Your Shirt On!"

Rule of thumb for Fog Horn reporters:

"I have six honest serving men,
"They taught me all I know.
"Their names are 'What and When and Where
"And How and Why and Who'."

Kipling was a reporter before he became an author.

A full moon in the eastern sky lately with the hinges off the Golden Gate still on it. A Golden Moon—The Golden Gate and A Golden State—clues?

A good male voice in vesper service Sunday. Maybe this voice has the much sought "Lost Chord."

Neatness and Godliness are still on good terms. There are a few unoccupied seats in the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

Professor Decroly believes that babbling (in infants) begins toward the end of the second month. He does not state when it is supposed to end! A course in good English may be the answer. A famous city of antiquity was named Babylon. It was named Babylon because the language was just a babble. Some of our American cities amy be renamed in the near future. The days in the Army should be days spent in an effort to perfect the language of this nation.

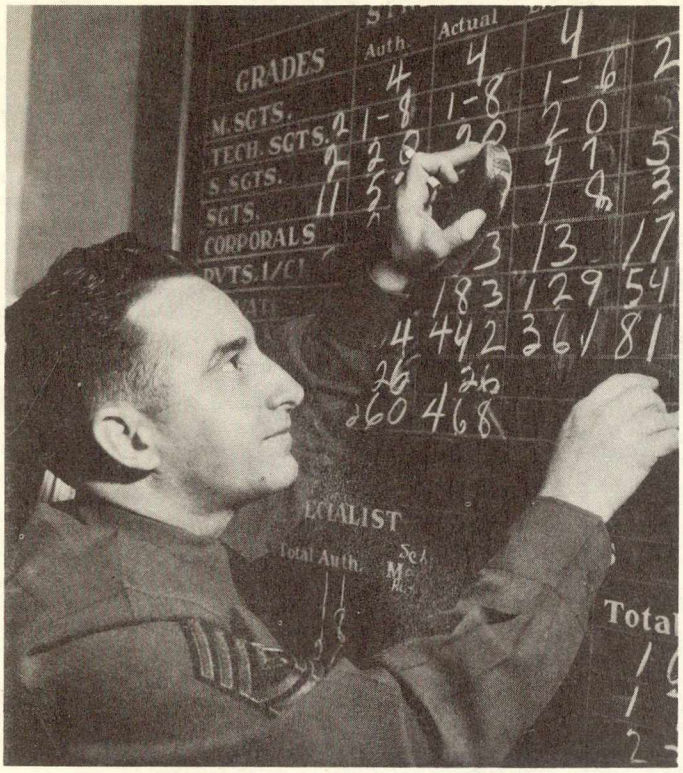
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TWELVE YEARS IN THE ARMY



FIRST SERGEANT JOHN B. BARR

Medical Detachment First Sergeant of Letterman Hospital, John B. Barr, born in El Paso, Texas, on December 31, 1911, and educated in California public schools and universities, has had a varied and interesting military career in the Army and Navy forces of the Government.

Sgt. Barr began his military career 12 years ago in the Navy, enlisting at San Diego. He remained at San Diego from October of 1929 until February of 1930 before being transferred to Norfolk, Virginia, for training at the Machinist Mate School, and upon graduation therefrom he attended Naval Academy Preparatory classes until April of 1937. From that time until the time of his discharge from the Navy in 1932 Sgt. Barr served on active duty on the oil tanker "Ramapo" plying between San Francisco and Chinese ports.

One year and six months after receiving his Naval discharge papers Sgt. Barr launched himself on his Army career at Fort MacArthur on August 13, 1934. He was sent to Fort Armstrong, Honolulu, where he served until June 3, 1937. Since that time he has been stationed here at Letterman. His advancements took place as follows: He was promoted to Sergeant on December 11, 1936, Staff Sergeant December 18, 1930, Technical Sergeant January 7, 1941, and First Sergeant June 10, 1941.

The duties of Detachment First Sergeant place him in the position of executive and chief clerk to the Commander of the Medical Detachment, and as such Sgt. Barr is the direct mediator between the enlisted men and Detachment Commander. It is through Sergeant Barr that Detachment data is compiled, problems of the enlisted personnel and detachment correspondence handled and the detachment managed in an efficient and expedient manner.

Sergeant Barr married the former Miss Merle L. Onellion of San Francisco on July 13, 1940. He follows his hobby of Philately and says that he "enjoys bowling just about as much as anything" for sport and relaxation.

LETTERMAN NINE TAKES WIN FROM CHRONICLE TEAM

Sunday saw a triumph for the baseball team of Letterman General Hospital when they scored a 10-4 victory over the San Francisco Chronicle ball club at Funston Park.

In the course of nine innings, mound-man Nishi of the Hospital struck out 12 men against eight by Loughery of the Chronicle in one of the best pitching duels seen this year. The support given the pitcher and the timely hitting by the whole team put the game on ice for the Medicine men.

The combination used Sunday against the Chronicle looked like a real ball club and gives promise for some interesting games for the rest of the season.

LGH

	AB	H	R
Fukano, lf	4	1	1
Hughes, 3b	5	1	1
Gaydos, ss	5	3	2
Haverty, c	5	2	1
Schneider, 1b	3	0	1
Fugimoto, 2b	4	1	2
Muhic, cf	5	0	0
Mills, rf	5	1	0
Nichi, p	3	1	2
Total		10	10

CHRONICLE

	AB	H	R
Smith, 2b	5	1	1
Sicke, ss	5	2	0
Clark, 3b	5	1	1
Sibold, c	4	1	0
Ragghianti, 1b	3	0	0
Connell, lf	4	2	1
Voeller, cf	4	1	0
Loughery, p	4	1	1
Wiemer, rf	4	1	0
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Q. M. NEWS

Mr. Arthur H. Christern, the Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance, is spending his vacation on a pack trip in the High Sierras of Yosemite National Park in pursuit of the wily trout. We suppose he will have some more of those fish stories to tell us upon his return. Good luck, Art.

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Master Sergeant Chambers and Mrs. Chambers are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Chambers' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cox, of Gurdon, Arkansas. Mrs. Chambers' brother, Private Rufe Cox of Camp Roberts, California, also spent the week-end with them at their quarters, No. 18C, this post.

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We will all miss the pleasant personality and courteous service of Private First Class Ralph Soto from the commissary truck, due to his discharge on September 5, per expiration term of service.

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We also had the misfortune of losing the services of one of our qualified printers, in the person of Private First Class Clarence E. Tingstrom, who was relieved from active service and placed on reserve on September 8.

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We hear that some of the members of the Detachment are to be paid their savings on clothing during the week, and would like to take this opportunity of emphasizing the recommendation of the War Department that at least a portion of each of your savings be invested in National Defense Bonds. We know of no better purpose to which these savings can be applied. Let's "KEEP 'EM FLYING" boys.

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Believe it or not, we have three noncommissioned officers whose total service amounts to 76 years, of which over 60 years have been rendered at this General Hospital. The Quartermaster is considering taking them up on the Historical Records of the hospital as permanent fixtures. We believe this to be an outstanding record for service at a single station.

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It will be noted that the officers' tennis court has been improved and modernized at a cost of approximately $1,800. It is believed that the court now equals any that may be found in the vicinity. There has been some regrettable delay in the completion of the enlisted men's tennis court, but it is hoped to secure the completion thereof at an early date.

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We are having some difficulty in obtaining qualified enlisted personnel to fill existing vacancies in the Detachment. Anyone having knowledge of men who possess any of the following qualifications who may desire service with the Quartermaster Corps should advise them to contact the Acting First Sergeant of the Detachment. Clerks, printers, storekeepers, truck drivers, etc., are needed.



THEATRES FOR CONVALESCENT

The American Red Cross will operate standard sound motion picture theaters in its hospital recreation uildings now under construction. Attendance will be free and limited to convalescents.

THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT

Professor Eldridge has found that 750 different words constitute more than three fourths of all the words use in an average newspaper. Ayers found that 300 words included 75 percent of all the words used in business. He found that 1000 words included 90 percent of all business correspondence—sounds easy. However, Dr. Smith has found that the first grade child can recognize a meaning of about 16,000 basic words and 7,000 derivatives. Youngsters in the 12th grade know 47,000 basic words with 96,000 terms. The Greeks had a word for it. So have we. Probably more words than ideas?

Pat had been in a concentration camp and was released. On return a countryman greeted him saying "Well, Pat I see your back from the front." "Gee," said Pat, "I didn't know I was that thin."

A N C

Miss Geneva Cole comes to Letterman from her home in Fremont, Ohio., near Toledo. She received her professional training for the nursing service in a number of schools. She has spent 10 years in the nursing service. She took a post-graduate course in Neuropsychiatry in New York City. We welcome Miss Cole to Letterman and extend to her the right hand of appreciation.

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First Lieutenant, Chief Nurse E. M. Beedles left Thursday night on the "American Legion Special" for the American Legion Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which begins September 14. Lt. Beedles will be Letterman's official representative at the convention and will attend the convention over the full four-day period.

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L. G. H. laboratory is happy to play host to the hospital staff at their weekly get-together. Fresh rabbit pie will be served. The luncheon speaker will be the well known authority, Miss Woodruff, and her topic will be, "Playing the Horses—You Can Always Lose."

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Clara Washington, Chief Nurse at Fort Ord, Calif., was the week-end guest of Emily Weder, Captain, A. N. C., stationed at the 9th Corps Area.

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Mary E. Short is enjoying a seven-day leave at her home in San Jose, Calif.

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The gardener at L. G. H. has asked to use this space to thank the nurses for their assistance in the care of his flowers. It is a well known fact that sweet peas bloom more rapidly if picked frequently.

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Margaret A. McSweeney will spend the greater part of her tow-week vacation with friends in Seattle, Wash.

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Kay M. Moss has returned to duty after having been home for two weeks where she was called due to the serious illness of her father.

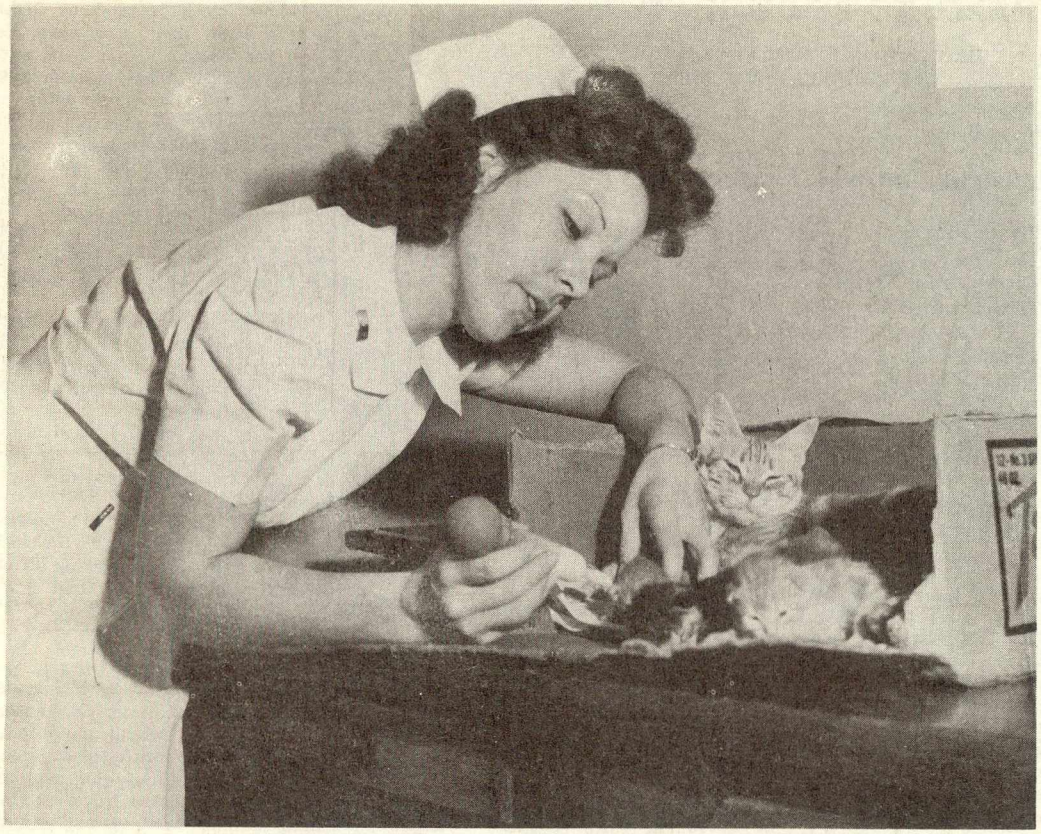
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Wilma B. Ward is on duty again after spending a few days in he hospital.

CHAPLAINS

There are 1,305 clergymen in the Army's Corps of Chaplains. Included are 982 Protestants, 304 Catholics and 19 Jewish Chaplains.

MRS. TABBY KATZ DOING WELL, THANK YOU



SECOND LIEUTENANT JEAN T. MAHANEY AND KATZ FAMILY

Early Thursday morning, August 27, Mrs. Tabby Katz of L. G. H. presented the personnel of Ward B-2 with four kittens. Second Lieutenant Jean T. Mahaney, Nurse on duty in Ward B-2, reports that Mrs. Katz and Kittens have responded favorably to the care given them. Mrs. Katz, long a member of the hospital exterminator staff, is expected to return to duty in the very near future.

During her confinement Mrs. Katz has had many distinguished visitors including the Commanding General and Administrative Staff. This compliment in itself is appreciation of the service Mrs. Katz has given in her duties. Cigars have been the order of the day and have been enjoyed by the many persons visiting Mrs. Katz during her confinement.

Sergeant Herbert Goldstein, OK-OK (official keeper of katz) here at the hospital announces that due to the fact that the delivery took place at "home" instead of regulation Ward H-1, the maternity ward, the difficulty of registration has arisen, and doubtlessly her name will not be officially listed on the records.

Nevertheless, congratulations to you, Mrs. Katz, and those fine babies.

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LOOK OUT MOTHS

The Army's preparedness program has been extended to guard against the menace of the moth. Contracts for 2.678,400 pounds of naphthalene flakes were let by the Chicago Quartermaster depot—Now it's up to some statistician to figure out how many moths it'll take to eat up the stuff.

"The more grave the crisis the greater the necessity of trying, of continuing to be, and of becoming that which one professes to be."
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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

It seems like the prediction your correspondent made concerning that romance between Sergeant Benjamin J. Kingwell and his Inamorata of San Rafael, Calif., has become a reality. On Saturday, September 6, at the home of friends at Santa Rosa, Calif., Benjamin announced his engagement to pretty Miss Evelyn Ballard of San Rafael, Calif. The wedding will take place some time in the very near future, according to latest reports.

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These San Francisco women are too subtle for poor innocent soldiers. They surely get their man. The latest one to fall a victim was our popular young student of surgery, Robert L. Scherrer. According to very reliable sources, Scherrer was too love sick over the week-end, so he and his fiance journeyed to Reno, Nev., and were married. Mrs. Robert L. Scherrer is the former Miss Jean Anderson of San Francisco.

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Our tall, handsome Charge of Quarters, Sergeant Paul A. Wright, spent a very quiet week-end at the home of his fiance, here in San Francisco.

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Ninety-three students from the various schools will report back to their various posts for duty on Friday, September 12, 1941. New students are due to start coming by the 15th of this current month.

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Delmar E. Carlson, assistant instructor at the surgical school, was taken to the hospital last Thursday, September 4. Carlson had just been released from the hospital on July 22, and whether this is a relapse from his previous illness has not been ascertained.

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School headquarters was an extremely busy place over the week-end. Seems as though there were a few changes in the personnel and other things of pertinent value to be taken care of, so Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry and Sergeant-Major Charles R. Reuther had to give up a fine day of pleasure and tend to business.

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Last Friday evening, September 5, was a very memorable and long awaited occasion for the school and Letterman laboratory personnel. That evening they held their regular "Bucket of Blood" outing at the beach near Playland.

There was quite a crowd! Most of the attendants at the hospital were there. The school was represented by the three sergeants from th laboratory school, "Huff" Wilbur K. Selvey, "AWOL" Roland Lamar Hoover, and "Devil May Care" Walter Sambur.

They played games, ate lots of hot dobs, and danced the conga on the beach. Later they all went to the concessions. Everybody reported having a good time and it appeared the party was another success.

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Private Jennings Lyon, assistant instructor at the surgical school, has really been working hard these days. He has been the sole assistant instructor for nearly a week now and a very heavy load has been placed on his shoulders. He has to take care of the duties of 87 men. Some are working in the hospital, some are attending lectures which he also gives, and some are under instructions. He deserves a lot of praise for the amount of work he is doing.

FIRST NEW WEST COAST ARMY CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED

DEDICATION SERVICES FOR FORT SCOTT CHAPEL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2 P. M.

Music.....**The Band, 6th C. A.**
Invocation.....**Chaplain Homer Elliott**
Chaplain, Harbor Defenses
The Religious Significance of the Chapels.....**Chaplain Blakeney**
Ninth Corps Area Chaplain
Presentation of the Chapel.....**Major Caldwell**
Quartermaster, Harbor Defenses
Acceptance of Chapel.....**Brigadier Gen. Edward A. Stockton, Jr.**
The Use of the Chapel.....**Chaplain William J. Ryan**
Fourth Army Chaplain
The Role of the Chapel in the Defense Program.....**Colonel Baldwin**
Commanding Officer, 6 C. A.
Benediction.....**Chaplain Shuder**
Chaplain Letterman General Hospital
Music.....**The Band, 6th C. A.**
Cutting the Ribbon.....**Brig. Gen. Stockton**
Inspection of Chapel.

During the inspection of the chapel there will be an organ recital by Mrs. Lillian Beritzhoff, Oakland, California.

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The Chapel

The Army chapel is intended to be the focal point of influence in the post and serve as a constant reminder of our dependence upon Divine Power. It will also be the visible evidence of our concern for the moral and spiritual welfare of our men. Only men of faith can fulfill their duty to God and Country. We hope the use of the new chapels will help us keep faith.

J. L. Beateney,
Corps Area Chaplain

Democracy Inspired

The new chapels which we are dedicating are symbolic of the dynamic influences which have made our country great. The fundamentals of our democracies are based upon Christian princeples. Therefore it is fitting that these chapels have a foremost place in our Army encampments. Their presence should inspire greater devotion and loyality to the cause of Democracy and Christianity.

Homer H. Elliott,
Chaplain, Harbor
Defense

Truly Representative

"These new chapels are concrete proof of the treasure our people of America have in their form of government. No country in the world has done so much to make the worship of the Almighty possible for its people. May they be perpetual monuments to those who have made this government possible . . . may they serve to help our men of the military service serve Him more faithfully.'

Theodore J. Hatton.
Chaplain, Ft. Scott.

RESPONSIBILITY LIMITED

A sentry on duty at Camp Lee, Virginia had orders to challenge all persons. A freight train moved up the tracks and the sentry planted himself in its path. He ordered the enineer and firemen to dismount and be recognized. The officer of the guard promptly heard about it, but he wasn't too surprised. He did want to know, however, why the sentry hadn't insisted on seeing the conductor. The soldier replied solemnly: "The conductor was in the caboose, sir. The caboose was still in the Sixth area. I was not responsible for that, sir,"

AN OLD FASHIONED GIRL

At Randolph Field, Texas, where a 24-hour clock is used in flight training, from 12 noon onward, its 13 o'clock instead of one p. m. and so on, until 24 o'clock at midnight.

A cadet from Indiana wanted to impress a young lady he met in San Antonio so he proposed a date for 20:20 Saturday night—that's 8:20 o'clock normal time. The sweet young thing had previous date for 9 o'clock that night but the 20:20 business sounded more thrilling. So she cancelled the previous engagement.

Came Saturday and it was 20:20 by the cadet's watch. He hopped in his car and started for town. Then it happened—he was out of gas. He started hoofing it. An hour later he arrived at the home of his date-to-be—to find a note pinned to the door. On the note he read this message:

"I don't know what's happened to your flying time, but it's 9 o'clock by my watch—and I'm taking off on old-fashioned time with that 9 o'clock date."

MANPOWER DOES IT

Taps would sound in 30 minutes and Sergeant Chester E. Foster knew his men would go without breakfast next morning if he didn't get to the warehouse for supplies. He also knew that a truck couldn't make the trip, load up and return, in time. But the sergeant was a resourceful fellow. He routed his entire company and explained his predicament. Someone shouted, "Let's go!"

Seconds later 250 men were racing to the warehouse. Minutes later, looking like a bunch of stevedores, they were returning to the camp—with the supplies. And they were in their bunks 20 minutes before taps, ready to dream of good things to eat in the morning. Sergeant Foster rubbed his chin and mused, "if those boys will fight like they go after breakfast—um! um!"

CAPT. FLAGG AND SGT. QUIRT ON THEIR WAY!

Chicago,—"What Price Glory." That title is well remembered by all of us as the outstanding motion picture of its year. A story of the Marine Corps in which Capt. Flagg and Sgt. Quirt, Leathernecks par excellence, were the scintillating heroes. Again Capt. Flagg and Sgt. Quirt are on the march—this time they have marched out of the cinema into the air.

Beginning Sunday, September 28, this weekly riot comedy will invade our camp over a coast-to-coast NBC Network of eighty-four stations. The program will originate in the Hollywood Studio of the National Broadcastoing company.

THE FOG HORN

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Several Selective Service Men Given Release from Duty

On August 29 official instructions were received from the War Department effecting the release of approximately 21 Selective Service men from Letterman Hospital to the Reserves. At the present time 10 men have been released. They are:

Wiley J. Dunn, James D. Henley, Joseph R. Leiba, Charles Lasich, Frank Boneira, Robert E. Cook, Elgin H. Laizeire, Frank J. Beach, Raymond E. Edmondson, and Donald V. Livoni.

Dependency or hardship cases established through normal procedures or men who have attained their twenty-eighth birthday on or prior to July 1, 1941, have provided for the release and transfer of these men. All men coming under the jurisdiction of this order and desirous of effecting a release should submit a written application to the Detachment Commander in triplicate.

EGG SHAPED STARS!

Egg shaped stars due to the tidal pull of other stars, causing the sphere to elongate! Sounds reasonable and it is scientific.

Our earth seems to be flat on end. Apparently this old world needs a "little pull" also to get into a more promising appearance. There should be food for thought here. A little pull for the other fellow might give a new aspect to this whirl of life we are all in.

PIONEER TRAPPERS!

The days of pioneer trappers are here again. What, pelts for Milady's coat? No, no pelts this time. A new trap two feet in diameter is now used for catching cosmic rays. Some say the game is plentiful, others not so good. What do they do with cosmic rays when caught? Some one said that they are a constituent of cosmetics!

ARMY LIFE IN ALASKA



Danger! Bear Signals Stop! Too much traffic, doubtless—

Patient Corporal Ben Miska of the 55th Signal Maintenance Company, Alaska, has an interesting story about Alaska. He says:

"I have spent seven months at Fort Richardson, Alaska. The fort is three miles from Anchorage. The climate there will compare to some places here in the States. We have nine months of winter and snow although it seldom gets colder than ten below zero. The temperature in other parts of Alaska sometimes falls to sixty below zero."

He says—

"Because the fort was new and in process of being built the matter of recreation was left somewhat to the soldier himself to arrange. I spent every weekend on fishing trips. The trout fishing in Alaska is the best in the world and if you are good enough, you can catch them as big as the one of your dreams. There is no limit on what you can catch. In fact in some of the rivers there is a bounty of one cent on every trout caught. The biggest trout I

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30th Infantry Band Returns

A very welcome sight these days will be the appearance of the 30th Infantry Regimental Band, which has just returned with the regiment from Washington maneuvers.

This fine organization, under the direction of Wnt. Officer Lynne E. Decker, has a reputation the country over having played two years at the world's fair for concerts and for military exhibits. There is also a good sized bugle corps attached to the band, which gives this post quite an array of musicianship. One of the many outstanding things about this group is the fact that they are one of the few organizations of this kind that use sound equipment. According to Wnt. Officer Decker, four new selectee musicians have just been added to the band, and they can use other selectees. About 65 per cent of the men that played with the band at the world's fair are still with the group.

Desiree Munteanu Weds Lieutenant Edwin A. Nichols

On Monday evening, September 8, at 8:00 o'clock in the new Presidio chapel, Desiree Munteanu became the bride of Lieutenant Edwin A. Nichols, 30th Infantry, United States Army. The wedding was informal and took place in a setting of quiet simplicity. The bride was attended by her sister, Baba Marguerita Munteanu, and Mr. John Pugh acted as best man. Chaplain Edwin L. Burling officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel George Munteanu, Commanding Officer, Presidio of San Francisco, and Mrs. Munteanu. Following the wedding, there was an informal reception in the historic Presidio Officers' Club, attended by the members of the families of the bride and groom and a few of their intimate friends.

COLONEL BERLE INTRODUCED TO READERS



Colonel Charles K. Berle, M. C.

Colonel Charles Kettig Berle, M.C., was born in Louisville, Ky., October 21, 1890. He comes from good American stock. His mother was born in Virginia, and his father in Kentucky.

Colonel Berle attended the public schools in Louisville and graduated from Manual Training High School in 1910. He became a football ace and in 1909 was captain of his team. In addition to football young Berle was also a track star. Following graduation from high school Berle attended Center College, doing premedical study, but also playing football. The "Praying Colonels" were at that time beginning to prey on some of the best teams in the United States. Harvard has some bitter memories!

He attended the University of Louisville Medical Department and graduated in 1914. For two years he served as interne at the Louisville City Hospital from 1914 to 1916.

Military career: In 1908, while attending the public school in Louisville, he enlisted in Company C (Infantry), Kentucky National Guard. He was later made a noncommissioned officer, and upon entering medical school was transferred to the Medical Department of the Kentucky National Guard. In 1910 he was made a Sergeant. When he received his degree from medical school in 1914 he was appointed 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps, Kentucky National Guard, and as such was ordered to active duty in the Federal Service in 1916. He served on the Mexican Border with the 26th Provisional Division near Fort Bliss, Texas. At that time he took the examination for the Regular Army Medical Corps and was successful. He remained on the border from June, 1916, to February, 1917, and was then ordered to attend the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C., from which he graduated in June, 1917. He was then ordered to Allentown, Pa., for duty with the U. S. Army Ambulance Service. He sailed for France in August, 1917, and while in France served two years with the French Army, participating in several major engagements. He returned to the United States in June, 1919, and accompanied the First Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy from Washington, D. C., to San Francisco, Calif. He was ordered to duty at Letterman General Hospital in the autumn of 1919, where he served in the Medical Service until 1924, at which time he was transferred to the Headquarters, Coast Defenses of Puget Sound at Fort Worden, Washington, where he was surgeon of the Harbor Derenses. From 1926 to 1930 Colonel Berle was on duty at Walter Reed General Hospital in the Medical Service. In 1930 he was ordered to duty in the Philippine Islands

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THE CHINESE DISCOVERED AMERICA

Honest truly? When? Long before the Norsemen and long before Columbus. Why did not the Chinese stay here? They noted that the aborigines here, the Indians, wore no clothes so they said "Poor place for laundry business" and departed.

MATHEMATICS GO HAYWIRE!

At a very elite party the host suddenly discovered that the guests were too quiet and that there was no gayety. He quietly called in a key man and asked him to go out in the town and bring in the town wit to "liven" up the entertainment. The man was gone a long time and when he returned he had with him two other persons. "What?" said the host, "Two men?" "I asked only for one and why so long about it?" Said the man, "I searched the town over to find the wit and there was none so I brought these two halfwits instead.

NO MARRIAGES IN HEAVEN!

Chaplain Homer Elliott of the Harbor Defenses gives us the "low down" on the Chaplains Corps. He reports on authority, or something, that two very choice persons, long time lovers, were admitted to the pearly gates and with the flame still in their hearts requested St. Peter to be allowed to marry. "Oh," said St. Peter, "but it can't be done now." "Report in again 500 years from now and we shall see." So they did. "How now?" they asked. "Sorry," said the saint, "it can't be done yet. No Chaplains seem to be coming this way!"

The United States exported aeronautical products valued at $66,282,840 in April, the highest monthly total ever recorded, the total for the first four months of the year being $190,646,643.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

On September 13, Private William B. Gambril, clerk at the detachment supply office, reported back for duty, after being on furlough for 10 days. Gambril told of having a wonderful time out in the woods and along streams, hunting and fishing nearly every day. Oh, yes! He did catch some very nice fish.

Besides his regular duties as Sergeant-Major of the schools, Charles R. Reuther has been doing quite a bit of extra work since the clerk, Benjamin T. Shedoudy, has been in the hospital. He hasn't had any rest—what with all the orders, filing, fixing literature for the school texts, and running the mimeograph machine, besides his regular duties. That's enough to drive any human being "bugs," but he's just the sort of person that won't complain about a little more work than is required of him. That's why we ALL like him.

First Lieutenant Maurice M. Haskell, of the X-ray school, has been assigned as senior instructor of the pharmacy school in the absence of First Lieutenant Rex P. Clayton. Lt. Clayton is enjoying a 15-day leave of absence and is now visiting friends and relatives around Pocatello, Idaho, his home town.

Private First Class Guy E. Waldroop, a student of the surgical school, has been assisting the instructors of the school in performing lectures, demonstrations, and countless other things. Waldroop has been performing the task which fell on the shoulders of Delmar E. Carlson, now a patient in the hospital.

Here's some real hot news concerning that most prominent woman-hater, Robert L. Frasher, assistant to the Charge of Quarters! It seemed to everyone in the schools that he just couldn't stand the sight of a female, and had remarked upon that subject with a very negative view. Your correspondent, by chance, had the opportunity to trail this mystifying character last week-end. And guess what! Our own Frasher is no more of a woman hater than you or I. This writer found out that Mr. Frasher has been a frequent visitor at the home of two sisters, on 43rd Avenue. From now on we shall call Private Frasher the "Lone Wolf"!

It appears that we have two very determined and consistent young golfers in our detachment. These two men are John T. Young, supply sergeant, and William L. Walker, noncommissioned officer in charge of the dental school. According to reports received here, they have been playing every day for some time now. And these two fine sports said (jokingly) that they were planning to enter competition with Gene Sarazen and Byron Nelson.

Private Delmar E. Carlson, assistant instructor of the surgical school, who has been confined to the hospital for nearly two weeks, has found a profitable and pleasant way to spend his time. Carlson, a very capable and humorous cartoonist, has submitted several samples of his work to publishing companies in the East. Last week Carlson was notified that upon publication of a cartoon he had drawn for them they would pay him thirty dollars. Not bad for being in the hospital, huh?



Sergeant Frederick L. Essen, assistant instructor at the medical school, spent the week-end among friends at Oakland.

Clovis L. Walker, assistant instructor at the medical school, left his duties at the school, to go on detached service for a few days of rest. He has four days delay en route and expects to see some of his friends and relatives in the Middle West.

Nearly everybody has heard of men picking up girls but when some girls pick up men that's a different story. That's exactly what happened last Monday night, to our two Casanovas—Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry and Everard V. Curea. Seems like these two handsome brutes were in a show when two lovely, young ladies started a conversation with them. The ladies simply "swept them off their feet" and it wasn't long until they were very good friends.

Now, boys, you better watch your step. And Everard, haven't you forgotten somebody? I'm sure she hasn't!

CHANCE FOR PROMOTION

"And what," asked the cannibal chief in his kindest tones, "was your business before you were captured by my men?"

"I was a newspaper man," answered the captive.

"An editor?"

"Only a subeditor."

"Cheer up, young man, promotion awaits you. After supper you shall be editor-in-chief."

Her Old Man—Young Man, what do you mean by bringing Dorothy home at 6 in the morning?

Charlie—Well, my gosh! I have to be at work by7.

Dr. Jessie V. Coles, nationally known expert on consumer and family economics, has been appointed associate professor of home economics in the University of California College of Agriculture.

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EDITORIAL

"Of making books there is no end and much study is a weariness to the flesh."

It is interesting to learn that in ancient Greece there were thousands of manuscripts in libraries. The Old Testament reports the presence of many books. It seems apparent that the universities in those days were in reality just libraries. President Hutchins of the University of Chicago has said that the real test of scholarship is the ability to think alone. We are witnessing everywhere in university circles a getting away from mass action and a return to individual study and thinking. We have gone in too much in the past few decades for mass education until many wise men see that if their children are to get an education it must be away from the schools rather than in the goose step school formation.

All this should suggest to a man with time on his hands and a good library at his elbow that an education is possible right here and now. Regardless of the number of years in school we need to keep going. A sheepskin from a university in many cases seems just a stopsign in the journey of a learner. If there are diplomas or degrees let them be green lights to carry on.

In this day when good conversation seems to be in a slump let us see to it that our library supplies us with the necessary thought vitamins so that we escape social rickets and mental anemia. We are proud of the Letterman General Library and congratulate the staff on the fine service it renders to both patients and the hospital personnel.

POET'S CORNER

LAMB CHOPS ON PARADE

"Mary had a little lamb,
It played within the fence,
Until it joined the Army,
To aid us in defense."
—John Milton Dante
Longfellow Scott
(No relation to Fort Scott)

"Said Private Roller to Sgt. Knoller,
Have you told her about Sgt. Bohler?
Said Sgt. Knoller to Pvt. Roller,
Bohler told her, so sorry Roller!"
Submitted by:
Roller, Knoller & Bohler

Ability Tests Being Given Army Truck Drivers

By order of Major General Peek, and using tests worked out by the corps quartermaster office, Lieutenant Kephart of the post motor pool has been covering all of the army camps in the Ninth Corps Area, conducting ability examinations for all Army truck drivers.

"The elimination of potentially dangerous drivers by careful driver testing has been an important factor in reducing accidents in all phases of the military service," says Lieutenant Kephart. These tests, involving stability, perception, reaction time, and vision, have been carefully worked out and furnish scientific data on each man taking the examination. It takes from two to three hours to put a man through the requirements, but results show a driver's weak points and he can be cautioned in order to correct those defects that are of a not too serious nature. Lieutenant Kephart is assisted in these tests by Corporal Kirk of the C. A. S. C. Unit 1900 Q.M. Section, and leaves Lieutenant Condon in charge while in other parts of the Ninth Corps Area. This training is not only valuable in military life, but should be of inestimable value in civilian life.

It is estimated that government purchases of office machines this year will approximate $100,000,000, or one-third of all ffice machine sales. Directly or indirectly, defense may account for three-fourths of this year's estimated $300,000,000 office machine sales. Previous to the start of the defense program, government purchases took about one-sixth of the industry's output.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Overwork sometimes has deleterious effects. We have heard of "writer's cramp." There is some evidence of "saluter's cramp" in certain Army circles. The military salute is imperfect due to the fact that the hands and fingers cannot be straightened out properly.

Willie Nolan reports that they are missing him in Mississippi.

There is a tang in the autumn air! Football is just around the corner. Thanksgiving not too far off. What could be nicer?

Ray Donohue, our genial and faithful servant in all things pertaining to the law, finds himself in the hospital taking a rest, ill but much better. Congratulations!

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:

Y'rw T'ly does not want to become tainted with the appellation "chronic griper" but just one thing after the other continues to irritate me. Now last Sunday, I don't want to blame this on the mess sergeant because he is a nice fellow and tries hard and besides he probably didn't know where the "foul" we had for lunch came from, my chicken had a wing spread of more than 12 inches. It was cooked to succulent tenderness by the chef and browned to a turn and on my first attempt to eat of the delicate flesh I was singularly triumphant. But—when I had proceeded to the wing my heart stood still. "Surely," I said to myself, "surely, this bird has come from the Faralonnes because a fowl with a wing like that has followed more ferry boats than it has laid eggs."

Wm. P. Anni Onomus.

P.S.: I don't want anymore of that talk about Alaska!

WPAO

Mr. Wm. P. Anni Onomus:
Dear Correspondent:

Delighted to learn that you hit a "foul" in your last time to the plate! Being new in these parts most likely you will be delighted to learn that "chicken center" (we are thinking of "foul") is Petaluma. This lovely city is just a few miles from Hamilton Field. Your "wing" doubtless came from Petaluma where the hens have become ambitious for themselves and progeny and have tried to imitate the planes which soar hourly overhead. And while it is true that in man "we do not transmit acquired characteristics," maybe chickens do.

P.S.: It is just possible, my dear sir, you have been reading Gulliver's Travels?

HOBBIES

Hobbyist for the week is Sergeant John J. Martin, a patient in Ward B-2, who devotes his free time to pencil, charcoal and ink sketching. And verification of the good quality of his work can be seen in Colonel Berle's office—a large pencil sketch of Colonel Berle's English setter dog.

Even as a boy Sgt. Martin was talented in the line of creative art, and has delighted in using it for years as a means of relaxation. Although he has had no formal art education he shows a clear and photographic mind in his hobby. His natural ability to transcribe to paper various animal and landscape likenesses has made scores of friends for him as well as satisfying an impulse to create. The Physio Therapy Department of the hospital has been of help to Sgt. Martin in giving encouragement and material aid for his work.

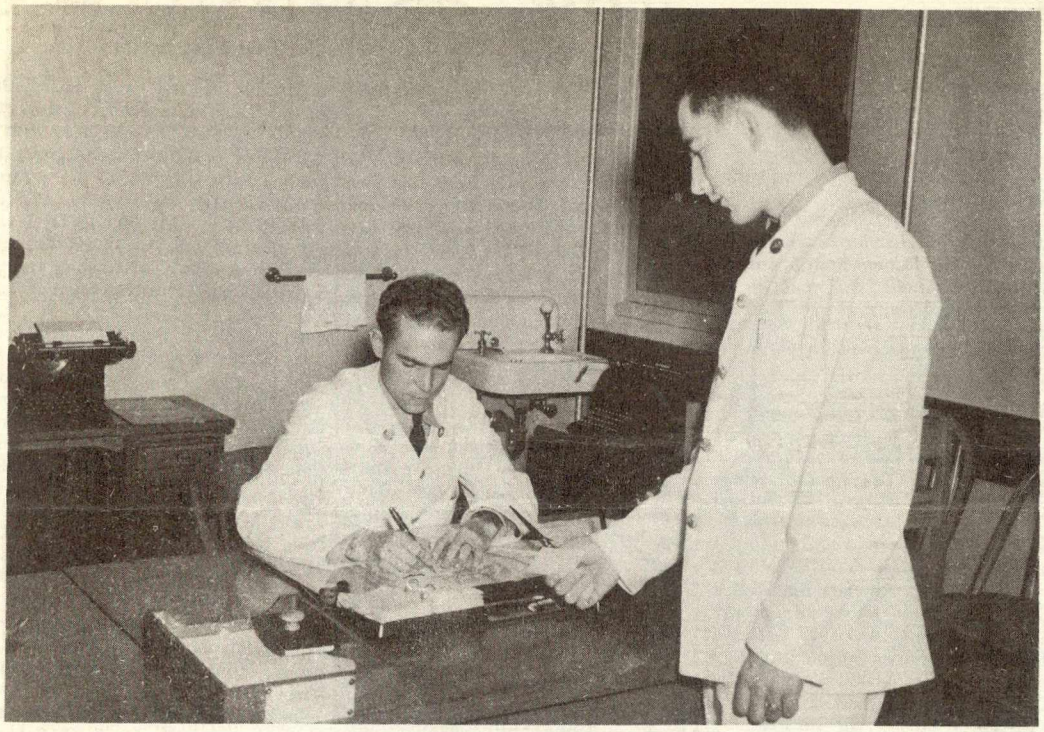
Sgt. Martin was admitted to the hospital in January, 1941, being sent here from the 250th Coast Artillery. He decided upon an Army career in 1926 and has found time to devote to sketching all during this time. Upon being asked if sketching was his paramount avocational interest, Sgt. Martin said that it had been forced into a secondary status years ago—his wife, four boys and their home here in San Francisco being interest number one.

The Chaplain's Corner

Church services are held as announced. Not all have opportunity to attend any one service. There should, however, be some service that can be attended. A touch of true nobility added to the routine of the day will add to the effectiveness of one's service and heighten the sense of loyalty to great causes. Men are known by the causes that they keep.

All new personnel coming on duty here at Letterman are invited to call at Chaplain's office. We will be delighted to get acquainted with you.

A NEWCOMER WHO ROSE FAST



Staff Sergeant Rue B. Masterson at his desk.

In charge of the Receiving Office at Letterman General Hospital is Staff Sergeant Rue B. Masterson. And though not one of the "old-timers" at the hospital he deserves notice for the business-like manner in which he has taken charge of the execution of the various duties under his jurisdiction in a very busy office.

Born in Maynard, Aakansas, July 11, 1915, Sergeant Masterson obtained his education in Arkansas public schools and a basic university training at the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Jonesville, Arkansas. His was a general major in the Arts and Science school at A. & M. college. In 1935 he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps and was assigned to duty at the William Beaumont General Hospital where he served for two years. He returned to a civilian status and went to work in a finance company office. In 1939 when world events presaged an enlarged armed force for this country Sgt. Masterson again enlisted in the Medical Corps, and he was assigned to Letterman Hospital where he has remained since.

Sgt. Masterson's advancement through the ranks has been steady. As a private he was assigned first to the Sick and Wounded office and in charge of Patients' Funds. In September, 1940, he was promoted to Sergeant and placed in charge of Patients' Payroll. And on August 1 of this year he was made Staff Sergeant and placed in charge of the Receiving Office.

According to hospital records, the Receiving Office has an approximate yearly average of 1100 patients who gain admittance to the hospital. All patients being admitted must first be registered and examined by a doctor at the Receiving Office before being assigned to the different wards throughout the hospital. Assisting Sgt. Masterson in this 24 hours a day task are three non-commissioned officers and 10 privates. The office has a fleet of six ambulances on call at all times and often finds it necessary to enlist extra help to take care of rush calls. The only complaint of Staff - Sergeant - in - Charge Masterson is the fact that, "more people should know that the Receiving Office is not a general Information Office. It only adds up to head-aches and confusion."

As one of the few "bachelors," Sergeants of the post Sergeant Masterson devotes his time, when away from the line of duty, to reading as his hobby, and to golf and tennis as his sports.

Rifles and submachine guns are now being produced at the rate of more than 1,500 a day, according to the Office of Production Management. This compares with daily average production in August, 1940, of 289 and in January, 1941, of 931.

Education by Mail Urged for Soldiers Of This Post

Just because a man enters the Army there's no reason for him to give up his education, especially if he comes from Wisconsin.

The University of Wisconsin has notified Fort Bliss, Tex., officials that any Wisconsin resident in the service may receive free correspondence courses by mail.

Is our California less interested in education than our Wisconsin? No Golden Bear disciple will admit this. How many University of California students have we here at Letterman? Will you not please come to Chaplain's office and register? We should like to invite all Stanford "Indians" to come and register also. Please do not come, however, on same day the "Bears" are here. The reason: We value too much the new Venetian blinds the General secured for us.

Unmarried Canadians earning $1200 annually pay a flat rate of seven per cent on gross income, the Department of Commerce says.

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Branger Wines Felt Sting of Letterman Bats

As predicted last week, the Letterman Ball Club has found a potent winning combination and showed it Sunday afternoon with a 5-3 win over Branger Wines. Although hit by injuries during the game which took Fukano and Schneider out of the play, Muhic and Noble fell right into line and gave their punches in the pinch to help win. Each team capitalized on errors to score. With some polish in the fields we still say, "Watch the Medicinemen make medicine."

L.G.H.	AB	H	R
Fukano, lf	2	1	1
DeMello, c	5	1	0
Gaydos, ss	4	2	0
Schneider, 1b	3	0	0
Bozzani, 2b	4	1	1
Shamrock, 2b	4	0	2
Taketa, 3b	4	0	0
Mills, rf	3	2	1
Totals		7	5

B.W.	AB	H	R
Watson, ss	4	0	1
Sullivan, 2b	5	0	0
Morris, 1b	4	0	1
Vojensky, c	3	2	1
Comisky, p	4	0	1
Partinico, cf	2	1	0
Rey, 3b	3	0	0
Foley, lf	4	0	0
Totals		3	4

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Now that a certain Sergeant has returned from a trip, Corporal Morrey is going to "hev to vatch dos tings."

While we are on the subject of cars and their achievements it might be well to issue a word of warning to a certain brown-eyed blond of the Physical Therapy Department. Mr. Ickes, Oil Conservator under the Defense Program has one of the Federal men stationed here at the Presidio in an effort to determine who a certain oil burning Pontiac (recently purchased) belongs to. The F. M. assured the writer that if and when the owner is determined, drastic steps will be taken to punish this saboteur of the American Defense Program.

Willie Nolan, Mississippi's contribution to a never ending uproar, had an operation scheduled for last week. However, it was decided after due deliberation by the hospital staff, to postpone the operation when it was found to conflict with Willie's plans of attending the circus. Tough boys, these army men.

Sgt. Gaffney, appendectomy patient in Ward F-1, has had his young son, Larry, admitted to Ward P-1 with a burned leg. Two members of a family in a hospital at one time seems to be carrying things a little far, doesn't it, Sergeant?

Little do we realize and little do we appreciate the amazing accomplishments of science and its faithful workers. Did you know that within the very walks of L.G.H. a daring research was being carried on? It was revealed to a personage of no little personage that the technicians are no longer searching for B.coli and staphlococcus but C.D.D.'s.

It's not news when one fellow fails to show up for a date but when one fellow makes a date with 10 girls, 2nd Lts., at that, and leaves them waiting at the gate, you've got something.

There is a certain Staff Sgt. in the post office that has the most cunning curl right in the middle of his forehead. He is a favorite candidate for "The best-natured worker in L.G.H." contest.

Bet patient Ed Cansino was all smiles listening to the radio Sunday evening. And no small wonder, his sister, Rita Hayworth, was very charming on the Charlie McCarthy program.

Saturday, September 13 Found:

St. Sgt. Rue B. Masterson rushing his work to be able to leave as soon as possible for Sacramento, where, after the last D. S. trip to Arkansas, he found he had relatives. Hope you had a good time, Rue.

St. Sgt. Ned Hewlett finding out more and more about his trip to Wahoo. Surely sorry to see you leave, Sgt. Ned, no foolin,' but think you know that we all at Letterman General Hospital wish you the best plus a bon voyage, on the President Cleveland, is it?

St. Sgt. Erwin Holteman going on a trip back east, but not for long will he remain back east. It's a good ole Southern California for him for 30 days. Los Angeles tennis enthusiasts look out!

Suggestion:

Why can't we get together (enlisted men only) and donate enough to get a bird bath for the sparrows that seem to have such a heck-of-a-time bathing in what little water flows into the gutter in front of the General's house. There is a very suitable place for it on the General's lawn at the east side of the General's quarters. What say fellows?

Did you know that Pfc. Smith has fed Tommie the tom-cat below K-2 for two years now. Nice going, Smitty.

The song for those who can afford to sleep later Sunday mornings would, to my estimation, be: "Little GRILL of My Dreams."

Well, what are YOU going to do with your clothing allowance now that they are going to pay it?

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Important Notice On School Courses

To all Corps men who have indicated at any time a desire to attend evening school: You should go to Registrar at Galileo High School (near Fort Mason) and make your individual registration. You can begin school at once. No transportation so far is available.

Chaplain's office will be glad to show you the Junior College courses available also.

Q. M. NEWS

Congratulations are in order for the following men who received new ratings on September 10th: Privates Palmer and Passarelli, who were appointed Privates First Class; Private Howell, who was rated specialist 4th Class; Private First Class Paris and Private Bearse, who were rated specialist 5th Class; Privates Hughes and Wojciechowski, who were rated specialist 6th Class.

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The reason for the smile on Nor- (Red) Hughes' face is the eastern trip he is making as an attendant. Destination is Lyons, New Jersey, but Red has an eight-day delay en route, which time will be spent in visiting relatives in Boston, Massachusetts. He'll be back on October 15, full of beans and codfish.

* * *

Staff Sergeant Brown is back at his old job again, after a 30-day furlough enjoying his honeymoon. All of us are glad to see our Acting First Sergeant once more—especially Corporal Craig, who during Sergeant Brown's furlough assumed his duties.

Passenger cars made of light metal and weighing only 25 tons, less than 60 per cent as much as those now in service, have been adopted for through trains between Hamburg and Leipzig.

765 Granduated From Cooks and Bakers School

During the year just ended the Bakers and Cooks School of the Presidio graduated 765 enrollees with a satisfactory rating. Of this group 15 were mess officers, 114 were mess sergeants, 571 were cooks, and 65 were bakers. Out of the total enrollment of 829, 64 failed to pass the course with a satisfactory rating, according to Master Sergeant Albert Lawson.

The B. & C. School of the Presidio is the parent organization for all of such schools in the Ninth Corps Area, which include Fort Ord, Camp Murray, Fort Lewis, Camp San Luis Obispo, Camp Haan, and Camp Roberts. At the start of the school year, July 1, 1940, there was a total enrollment in these schools of 6,930. Out of that number 4,688 graduated at the end of the course, 1,111 are still under instruction, 266 failed, and 865 were relieved for cause. Of those dropped, the main disqualification factors were in-aptitude, physical unfitness, and inattentiveness.

Recent promotions of Station Complement 1929, the B. & C. School, Presidio, include Tech. Sgt. George P. Biszant to Mr. Sgt., Stf. Sgt. Edward P. Stewart and Stf. Sgt. Arthur Palmer to Tech. Sgts., Sgt. Franklin C. Fisher, Sgt. John A. Harden, and PFC. Roy W. Duncan to Stf. Sgts.

More persons hear owls than see them, as they are most active at night.

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COLONEL BERLE

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and served at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, P. I. He returned to the United States via China. On his return he was stationed at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., from 1932 to 1936. In 1936 he took a post-graduate course in cardiology at the Harvard Medical School and on completion of this course he was ordered to Walter Reed General Hospital, where he was Assistant Chief of Medical Service Service until October, 1940, when he was ordered to Letterman General Hospital for his current tour of duty.

Colonel Berle is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of the American Heart Association and of the Pan-American Medical Society. Colonel Berle holds a certificate of specialty in internal medicine from the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity at Louisville, Ky. Colonel Berle holds the Mexican border service medal and the Victory medal with three stars. He has two decorations from the French government.

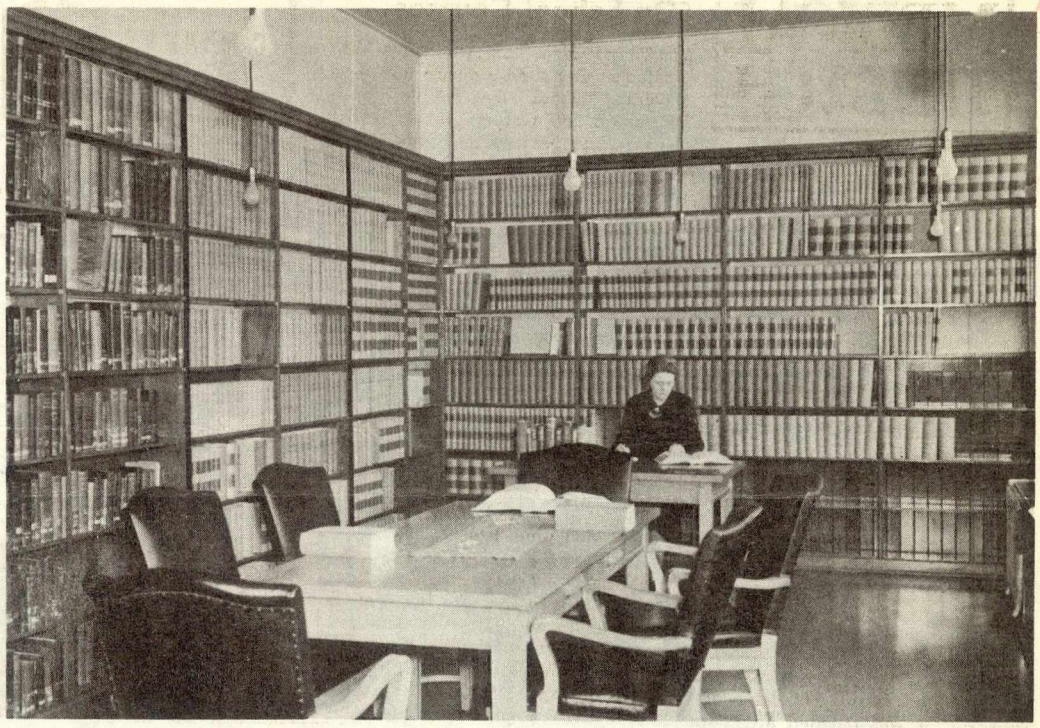
Colonel Berle married Miss Emma Lee Kremer of Louisville, Ky., in 1917 while the Colonel was in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Berle also is a real Kentuckian. One child, Virginia Lee, was born to the Berles while the Colonel was in France. The daughter is now the wife of Captain James R. Weaver, 16th Infantry, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.

The Medical Service which Colonel Berle heads is responsible for the professional care of all patients in the hospital suffering from medical conditions. This service is divided for administration and grouping of patients into seven sections. Approximately 24 medical officers are on duty on this important service to care for an average number of 500 patients.

Colonel Berle's hobby is, strange as it may appear, cardiology. He is, however, very much interested in dogs and in fishing. Who has not seen that well bred English setter about the Berle quarters? The Colonel has a fund of very interesting experiences though he is usually too busy to tell of them. Here is one that came to the surface, too interesting for him to avoid sharing. When he was on his first tour of duty here at Letterman (in 1923) he was selected to go to Japan on duty with the Relief Committee for the Japanese earthquake. He spent several months in Japan and while there he met the present Japanse Emperor, who was at that time the Crown Prince. The young prince was inspecting one of the hospitals to be donated to the Japanese. He rode a beautiful horse and was in the uniform of a cavalry officer. Few men have ever had a similar opportunity to meet the Emperor of Japan.

The United States Army is grateful for the fine personality, the trained experience, and the splendid service of Colonel Berle.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL LIBRARY



Mrs. Williams on duty i n west wing of library.

Comparing favorably with small town libraries, and steadily expanding, the Letterman General Hospital Library stands today as a center of education and recreational needs for the hospital patients and personnel. Growing from a few books in 1918, it now boasts of 15,000 volumes with a list of 1,400 regular borrowers out of a total eligible list of 2,700.

The library is divided into a general library from which all eligibles may borrow books, and a medical library for doctors, nurses and medical students. The books in the general library are classified according to Dewey Decimal system, and placed in definite groups, such as Biography, California, Antiques, Foreign Language, etc., and the fiction is separated into regular fiction, mystery, western and juvenile. Four daily newspapers and 70 current magazines are also received in the general library. Many, such as The National Geographic, Fortune, Esquire, Readers Digest and others are bound and retained permanently in the library.

The medical section adjoins the main library and has about 2,500 medical books to which the newer editions of the various subjects are added from time to time through the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C. Approximately 1,000 bound medical journals are on the shelves. Sixty-two medical journals are received currently, ranging from the Journal of American Medical Association to Bulletin Reports of the State. Most of the medical periodicals are bound and kept for reference.

The library is not a Ninth Corps Area Library nor is it a branch of the Army Medical Library in Washington. It is an independent library belonging to the Letterman General Hospital. It is operated through the Recreational Department. Captain Frank R. Day, Medical Administrative Corps, is the Recreational Officer and the library is one of his chief interests. Fifty dollars monthly is spent for new books. Duplicate books are sent to contagious and mental wards and when they are worn out they are destroyed.

The library has its own bindery, not only are the worn books, magazines and journals bound but collected papers and reports for various departments of the hospital are also bound. The workmanship is of the best and books rebound are better and stronger than the original bindings.

This library is the joy and pride of the librarian, Mrs. Mary Frances Williams. She has been acting librarian since early in 1939 and was appointed librarian in charge the latter part of 1940. Mrs. Williams has five assistants, Mrs. Myrtle Wickersheimer, Mrs. Lillian House, who do research and secretarial work. Sergeant Percy Warren, who has seen long service in the Army, including service overseas during the First World War with Battery F-7th Field Artillery, 1st Division, is chief clerk at the lending desk. Max Hanenkart, who enlisted under selective service and later re-enlisted in the regular army and was soon made First Class Private, and Maurio Machi, First Class Private, are assistant clerks at lending desk. Aside from the work in the library, Privates Hanenkart and Machi alternate taking a cart of books to the bed patients in the wards four days each week. On these trips they take about 135 books and more than 75 per cent are checked off to patients daily. This service to those unable to leave their beds is one in which keen competition is shown as both enjoy doing something for others.

The library is open every day including Sundays and holidays from 9:00 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

NEW CHAPEL DEDICATED AT FORT SCOTT



Impressive ceremonies marked the opening of the first of the new Army chapels on West Coast at Fort Scott Sunday afternoon. It was a perfect day for the ceremony. Appropriate speeches were made both by the Chaplains and the Army Administrative staff. General Stockton formally opened the chapel. The chapel is singularly well equipped as an instrument to facilitate a sense of the nobility of man and his mission. Major General Wilson said not long ago that Chaplains "should have a sense of mission." Aimlessness gets us nowhere, regardless of our military classification. The statements made at Fort Scott dedication were explicit in defining the aim and the mission of the chapel. The Army is interested to build men to a point of perfection second to none in the annals of great and noble living anywhere upon the face of the earth.

ARMY LIFE IN ALASKA

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could get on a fly line was eight and two-third pounds. It was considered a minnow by the sourdoughs in Anchorage. The most marvelous spectacle I ever saw was the salmon run. This is an annual event. For days the streams are literally crowded with fish climbing to their spawning grounds.

"Game also is plentiful. Everyone is allowed to enjoy hunting in Alaska. Alaska is the home of the Kodiak bear. This bear is as big as a cow. That is it looked that way over my shoulder!"

Landscapes are beautiful—sunsets are famous for their brilliant colors. Amateur photographers are in their glory in this land of Alaska. We have eighteen hours of darkness in the winter and about the same of sunlight in the summer.

Although I am glad to get out of Alaska for a while I will be very happy to be going back. There is an old saying that anyone seeing Alaska and enjoying its pleasures and enduring its hardships will always go back to Alaska, the land of everlasting light and darkness, where men are men, with friendships and companionships valued higher than mans' lives."

We believe that Ben has Alaska fever. Alaska is, of course, the last frontier in America. The pioneer spirit is not dead.

RADIUM COMMITS SUICIDE!

Place: Bottom of the Sea. Time: One million years ago. Why: "Grandfather" of radium, uranium, "passes out" leaving two sons (atoms) named ionium and radium to weep (dissolve in salt water). Radium drains to bottom of ocean and there dissolves. How was it done? Slow torture likely. It disintegrates one-half in 1700 years and one-half of remainder again in 1700 years. Altogether it is many thousands of years before it is completely dissolved. Ten feet of radium mud in deep part of ocean has required more than a million years to deposit.

A QUESTION SOMETIMES WORKS WONDERS

Advertising is the art of suggestion. Some years ago red salmon were scarce in Alaska. The canners were going bankrupt. They called in a psychologist from the University. Pink salmon were plentiful and these were caught and canned. On the label of each can were these words: **"Pink Salmon — Guaranteed Not To Turn Red in the Can."** Business as usual.

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Miss Alice C. Prette is enjoying a two-week vacation at her home in Oakland, Calif.

Miss Pauline McMullen left last Sunday on a month's vacation. She will visit her parents at Gibbon, Neb.

Miss Victoria Adams went on final leave September 15 and is now at her home in Oakland, Calif.

Miss Marjorie Tubbs, from San Luis Obispo, who was formerly on the nursing staff here, is now a patient in ward P-1. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Jean T. Mahaney went on final leave September 18.

Misses Edge Sutherland and Kathryn M. Doody are on temporary duty at Letterman enroute to the Hawaiian Islands.

Letterman Hospital extends a welcome to two new members of the A.N.C., Miss Catherine Palmer and Miss Mary McHugh. Miss McHugh, a daughter of McCloud, Minn., has spent most of her nursing experience in Chicago and specializes in obstetrics. She acted in the capacity of instructor at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Chicago. Her outside interests are card games, bicycling and fishing.

Miss Catherine Palmer, born and raised in San Francisco, completed her schooling at Santa Rosa and Versailles, France, before beginning her nurses' training at St. Mary's Hospital in Los Angeles. As Miss McHugh, Miss Palmer is beginning her Army career at Letterman. Her hobbies include dancing and swimming.

May we wish you success!

ARGUMENT IN WARD F

Enemy submarines. Which is correct classification of anti-submarine activity in North Atlantic? "Hunting" or "fishing?" The garrison is divided but at the same time unanimous!

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Special Football Admissions Told For Service Men

W. H. Davis, manager of athletics at the University of California announced September 15, 1941, that service men—soldiers, sailors and marines—will be admitted for the entire season to the football games being played at the University stadium at special low prices. These men may purchase tickets at special ticket booths located in the southwest corner of the stadium, which will entitle them to seats in the K and KK sections of the stadium. No persons in civilian dress will be admitted to these sections.

Following is the schedule and price of admission for games slated to be played this year.

Sept. 27, St. Mary's, 50 cents, inc. tax.

Oct. 4, S. F. J. C vs Frosh, 25 cents including tax

Oct. 11, Santa Clara, 50 cents, inc. tax.

Oct. 25, U. S. C. 50 cents, inc. tax.

Nov. 1, Placer J C. vs Frosh, 25 cents, inc. tax.

Nov. 8, Washington, 50 cents, inc. tax.

Nov. 15, Oregon State, 50 cents, inc. tax.

Dec. 27, Georgia Tech, 50 cents, inc. tax. (Game Tentative)

Mr. Davis also states that service men desiring to sit with civilian friends may take advantage of the high school rate. These tickets may be obtained at the ticket office, M-1 Stephens Union, University of California, Berkeley, California. The prices at the high school rate are:

Sept. 27, St. Marys, $.75 inc. tax.

Oct. 11, Santa Clara, $.75 inc. tax.

Oct. 25, U. S. C., $1.50, inc tax.

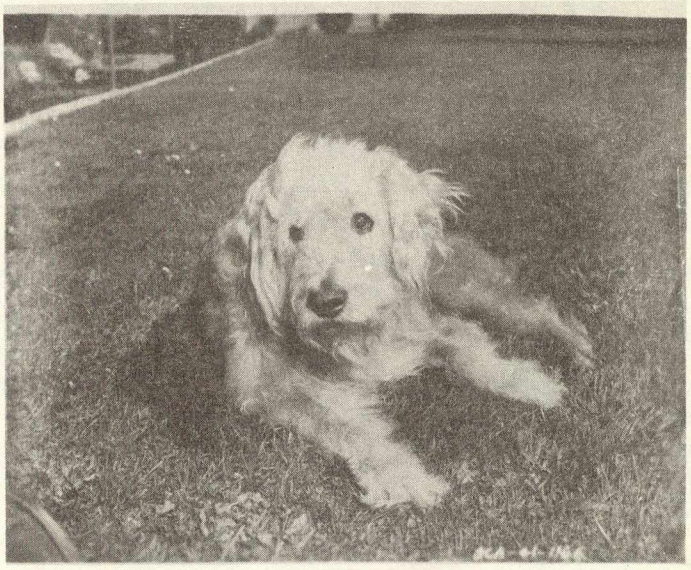
Nov 8, Washington, $1.00, inc. tax.

Nov. 15, Oregon State, $.65, inc. tax.

Dec. 27, Georgia Tech, $75, inc. tax. (Game Tentative)

Tickets for service men will be available at 11:00 a. m. on the day of the games only.

REPORTER INTERVIEWS GENERAL'S DOG



Dog gives low-down on Army life.

"Just call me Tommie."

"O. K.," I sez, "O. K., there's nothing to get huffy about, you know if I don't write you up you won't get your name in the paper."

"That's the trouble with you rookies, you're always inclined to be fresh. What this Army needs is more like me. Why back in the old days I used to march 20 miles a day on post here in front of the house. But that was before I went to West Point and got my commission. Oh, you needn't be surprised, reporter, I was enlisted once myself y'u know."

Tommie took a quick tug at his uniform, "What do y'u want to know, young feller?"

"How old did you say you were?" I queries back at him in my most conciliating manner.

"Well, I was born in 1929 right here in the basement of this house. The month as I remember it was December and me and about seven others were rooming down in the basement at the time. Twas'nt long though until there were only two of us left, me and me brother, Speck, and of course me mother."

"Then when I was two years old I got me appointment to West Point and luckily the General went too so we packed up the family and went east for a while. Quite a while when you figure it out, because it wasn't until 1940, yes, April of 1940, that we got back to me home town."

"It was with a struggle that I left my job in the East as a traffic MP. Even today, I find myself out in the street directing traffic now and then. But since I was retired last spring I have spent most of my time seein' that things are run correctly here at home. You know that when I retired I was aide to the General, don't you?"

It looked as if Tommie was getting low on breath so I sez to him,

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General DeWitt To Present R. C. Certificates

In exercises presided over by Miss Bertha Lovell, Director of Red Cross Activities at Letterman General Hospital, certificates of graduation will be presented to 15 Gray Ladies by Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt in the Letterman Recreation Hall at 4 p. m., September 26, 1941.

These members, volunteers of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross, completed satisfactorily, a training course which extended from May 12 to May 23 and have since been on duty at Letterman Hospital in a probationary status as a requirement prior to graduation. The following have completed the course and will be presented certificates:

Mrs. Fred Butcher, Mrs. M. Christie, Mrs. O. E. Eklund, Mrs. Arthur Friedberg, Mrs. F. B. Griffith, Mrs. John Harden, Mrs. R. Karelle, Mrs. M. McBride.

Mrs. G. Ongerth, Mrs. Popert, Mrs. George Simon, Mrs. O. Tadlock, Mrs. M. L. Wooley, Miss Mary Weil, Mrs. Yearsley.

New Addition to Red Cross Staff

Miss Lois Mikesell from Bearcreek, Montana, has joined the Nursing staff at Letterman. Miss Mikesell graduated from Bearcreek, Montana, High School. She took her nurses training course at the Murray Hospital, Butte, Montana.

Miss Mikesell enjoys as a hobby stamp collecting, but better yet she enjoys trout (fly) fishing and hiking. She has done some hiking with Berkeley Club and expects to join the Alpine Club in Marin County. Miss Mikesell likes it here at Letterman and we assure you, Miss Mikesell, that your pleasure is mutual.

MAJOR FOLEY IS MAN WHO KNOWS THE ANSWERS



Major John A. Foley, four times to Letterman

Major John D. Foley was born February 24, 1887, at Bird-Island Minnesota. He attended both Public and Parochial schools in Minnesota, graduating from high school. He then attended the Minnesota School of Business Accountancy and after 18 months graduated in 1904. Following graduation he was employed as bookkeeper for the Great Northern Implement company of Minneapolis for five years. This was the only civilian job he ever had. From March 8, 1908 to August, 1909, Major Foley was a member of Company I, 1st Minnesota Infantry. This experience served to point his ambition to the Regular Army. His record since is a splendid realization of the guidance given him during his early formation days.

Major Foley comes from a very interesting family. The Keefe and Foley family is one of the largest. The Major claims 87 cousins living in Minnesota! Mother Foley was one of 14 children. The Major had two brothers in the World War and, of course, the Major is a veteran also.

Major Foley was married to Estelle Lockwood, January 23, 1923, at Manila, P. I. Miss Lockwood was likewise a member of a very distinguished family. The Lockwoods were pioneers to the West, settling in Oregon in 1847. Mrs. Foley's grandmother lived to be 102 years of age and was deceased in 1932. What memories were covered in such a space of life and especially during those such very interesting years!

The following military record relates the progress and services of Major Foley:

October 11, 1909 to November 29, 1917, as enlisted man Hospital Corps and Medical Department in grades from Private to Master Hospital Sergeant. Performed all duties relating to an enlisted man at a Station Hospital.

November 29, 1917, was commissioned as First Lieutenant, Sanitary Corps and assigned to the Port Surgeon's office, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J. Placed in charge of the Finance and Supply Division, Port Surgeon's office. Promoted to Captain, Sanitary Corps, April 25, 1918. Continued on same duty until December 8, 1919.

December 18, 1919, reported for duty Letterman General Hospital. Assigned to duty as Mess Officer and as Post Exchange Officer. Discharged from temporary commission October 5, 1920, and appointed 2nd Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps. Continued on same duties until April 5, 1922.

April 30, 1922, arrived in Philippine Department and assigned to the Department Surgeon as assistant and as Commanding Officer, Philippine Medical Depot. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant November 30, 1922. Left Philippine Department March 24, 1924.

April 17, 1924, reported for duty Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, and assigned to duty as Adjutant and Exchange Officer. Relieved February 17, 1926, and assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1926, reported for duty Walter Reed General Hospital. Assigned to duty as Hospital Inspector. Promoted to Captain November 30, 1927. Continued on same duty until January 1, 1929, when assigned to Hawaiian Department.

February 15, 1929, reported for duty Hawaiian Department. Assigned to duty as Medical Supply Officer, Hawaiian General Depot, Fort Armstrong, T. H. Continued on same duty until February 17, 1931, when assigned to Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

February 24, 1931, reported for duty Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, and assigned to duty as Medical Supply Officer. Assigned as Adjutant July, 1933. Relieved November 6, 1934, and departed for Panama Canal Department.

November 17, 1934, reported for duty Panama Canal Department and assigned to duty as Medical Supply Officer, Panama Atlantic General Depot. On relief from Panama Canal Department was assigned to the Letterman General Hospital. Promoted to Major, United States Army, December 30, 1940.

Major Foley has served four times at Letterman General Hospital. This is a distinguished record. For 15 years his services were under Brigadier General James M. Kennedy, who was three times Commanding Officer here at Letterman General Hospital. The Major has served two tours of duty under Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt. The Adjutant, because of his long service, should be "the man who knows all the an-

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MEET TECHNICAL SERGEANT GIMBALL



Sergeant Gimball talks over problem with co-worker.

For nearly 20 of the last 24 years Technical Sergeant Dave L. Gimball has been a member of the U. S. Army. And during the entire time of enlistment he has been a member of the motor transportation service of the medical corps.

In July of 1917 he enlisted at Ft. McDowell for the duration of the World War, and was stationed at the motor transportation school where he served the entire time. After the war he returned to civilian life and again followed his trades of machinist and tool-maker for five years before he again returned to the Army. He re-enlisted at Ft. MacArthur and was sent to Letterman Hospital where he has remained.

Sgt. Gimball has been in charge of transportation here for the last nine years. This transportation includes moving almost everything connected with the hospital whether it be sand and gravel for construction, patients for admission or transfer or passengers in the line of duty. A fleet of 27 machines, sedans, station wagons, ambulances and an assortment of trucks help to keep the hospital machinery moving smoothly, and the fact that 13,000 official calls for transportation were registered in 1940 proves that it is no small task. An emergency call comes from Fresno or Sonora, as examples of the more distant places of call, or here in the city, as examples of closer and more common places of call and the calls are immediately forwarded to Sgt. Gimball's office. His response must be immediate, and the safety of the patient insured by a fleet of modern ambulances and group of expert drivers on immediate call day and night. The machines are conditioned and repaired by mechanics on the post, to insure against mechanical accidents occurring while in use. And upon Sgt. Gimball's shoulders falls the responsibility of ascertaining the constant mechanical perfection of his "charges." A common comment on the post when a piece of machinery is broken is, "take it to the garage. Gimball can fix it."

Sgt. Gimball is well qualified to be entrusted with the duties of Sgt. in charge of mechanical transportation. A specialist in tool making, he carries the fundamentals of his work into his leisure hours. He has amassed a large collection of tools—a hammer turned out of an old Ford axle or a fine chisel out of a piece of steel. He has spent many, many hours in the reproduction of scale-model pieces of machinery. Devoting more than three years spare time

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EDITORIAL

THE HUMAN MIND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IN THE ARMY

Today the world seems to be in a scramble for military equipment. "Tanks, guns and planes" are called for from every direction. These are important. "Implement your mind" is a slogan of education and it applies as well to national defense as to personal needs. A mind must be trained to use tools and there must be tools to use if work is to be done. "Is the pen mightier than the sword" or vice versa, is a nonsense debate when on examination of either instrument it turns out to be defective. Men must have instruments in every activity or else that activity turns out to be mere "wish thinking."

But, let us not forget that minds are also necessary. To "implement a mind" that is without understanding, that is a blank, is like shooting at the enemy with blank cartridges. Every soldier, both officer and man, needs to know that the human mind, trained, responsive and responsible, is in reality indispensable equipment. The Army, in every one of its functions, needs the best minds this country can produce.

One thing the Constitution of the United States does not guarantee its citizens is the presence within us of a good mind. Our minds are personal. They depend on us. It is we who must see that they are right. This is the soldier's personal responsibility, both to himself and to his country.

MEDICAL DETACH

Privates George Sistek and Joe Esenovitch have found that a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon can be spent as hospital guides. The two young ladies so very interested in the hospital were very charming!

When it comes to playing basketball suggestions have been offered to see Sgt. Vaughn. Several fellows from the hospital went over to the "Y" to play a bit O' basketball, and the next day moans and groans were heard from all because of tortured muscles—all except Sgt. Vaughn. Chipper and fine as you please, Sgt. Vaughn wanted to play again soon. Well, youngsters!

Have you ever watched Doug Gabb dress for a very special date? It is the special barracks booster. Doug just works himself into such a fine state of anticipation that we have found it necessary to delegate someone to tell him to grab up his shoes on the way out. And when he is really in a hurry—well, it's terrific.

Don't the officers and men ever get tired saluting one another?" asks one young lady civilian employee. "It has reached the point where I too want to enlist so I may say, 'Hi!' to the soldiers."

Congratulations are in order for:

Former Pfcs. Gustafson and Milotta who recently were appointed to the non-commissioned rank of Corporal.

Success to:

Sgt. John R. Saurwein (6576620) in his transfer from the Detachment office to Police and Personnel office.

We understand that: Two new horseshoe pits are being added to the recreational facilities. They will be located between wards six and seven (for patients only) and Service Club and Branch P.X. (for enlisted personnel only.

A miniature golf course has been laid out for the patients on the lawn surrounding the Detachment office. Clubs and balls can be obtained at the Recreation Center and may be used afternoons between 1:00 and 4:00. A basketball team for the hospital is in the making.

The Chaplain's Corner

All new personnel coming on duty here at Letterman are invited to call at the Chaplain's Office. We are glad to get acquainted with you. We are planning to start a register to aid us in what will turn out to be a mutual service.

After all, one of the most profound of all the rituals of religion is just good old-fashioned friendliness.

We invite you to the Sunday services, the announcement of which is on all bulletin boards in the hospital.

Q. M. NEWS

Word has been received that Staff Sgt. Keerkor Bedayan will report in for duty some time this week. Glad to see you back Kay for your knowledge of Quartermaster duties can be utilized to an advantage. By the way this gives the detachment two of the Bedayan brothers for Kay's brother, Torcom, recently joined the detachment. That leaves one more to account for. Attention Bedayan brothers: If your other brother ever gets the urge to join up, tell him that we have vacancies.

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Captain Parody entered his Cocker Spaniels in the dog show at Oakland Sunday and has added two more ribbons to his large collection. Congratulations Captain Parody.

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Colonel Busch will be pleased to hear that the members of the detachment are gaining enthusiasm on the purchase of National Defense Bonds and Stamps. At this writing the detachment is very close to 100 per cent support of the colonel's recommendation on the purchase of these stamps and bonds. It is an excellent investment.

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Who is the mechanic in the detachment who is attempting to make a Packard car out of a wreck? Don't worry Bearse we won't tell anybody about it. When you are through let me know and we will go for a ride. There are rumors that a certain member of the detachment is going to buy another automobile. Let's hope that it will be a better one than the last one you had.

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Work on the new Nurses Home and the addition to Ward S-2 is progressing nicely. It won't be long before these two buildings will be completed. Repairs are being done at the Post Exchange Restaurant and when completed will enhance its appearance.

HOBBIES

During the last year photography has come to be a prime interest and valued asset in the life of Gerald E. Bozarth, patient at Letterman Hospital. Pursued strictly as a hobby, photography and its technic and development has been the means of constructively passing the long hours of enforced idleness.

On May 22, 1941, Private First Class Bozarth was admitted to this hospital because of injuries sustained in an automobile-motorcycle accident while participating in night maneuvers. A member of Headquarters Company, 10th Field Artillery he had long been interested in photography as a hobby and had already launched himself into this field of pleasure. And as a patient much time has been spent in research into the finer technic of picture-taking. With the passing of time and a physical improvement to a convalescent status Pfc. Bozarth often takes his camera and equipment around the the hospital in search of interesting subjects.

Gerald is a self-taught photographer. His special field of photography is scenery, and his early life in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida has taught him an appreciation of pictorial beauty in different parts of the country. Although expressing dissatisfaction at the results of what little portrait photography he has done because he says, "it doesn't look natural," to the average man it appears to be far above the common mean. His equipment includes an expensive candid camera, filters, flash-gun and developing set.

SERGEANT GIMBALL

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to a scale-model coal burner locomotive gives one an idea of the tenacity characteristic of Sgt. Gimball.

Born in Santa Rosa, California, in 1894, he nevertheless thinks of the city of Carson, Nevada, as home. Here he attended the public schools and acquired a vital knowledge of machinery and the work that was to be his life. He launched himself into his chosen field soon after completing his school work. And as a bachelor Sgt. Gimball continues to devote his time to the army in the line of mechanical transportation.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Several men of the school detachment were elevated in rank and in monetary allowances this week. Some of thew were Albert H. Kachner, appointed sergeant; Private Jennings Lyon, appointed private first class; Private First Class Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., rated 4th class specialist; Private First Class Benjamin T. Shedoudy, rated 4th class specialist; and Private Allen R. Crampton, rated 6th class specialist.

Benjamin T. Shedoudy, clerk at the school headquarters, is improving very nicely after an appendectomy operation, performed a few days ago. We hope he continues to get well and will be able to perform his duties soon.

Seems like there was a little misinterpretation concerning the story about Sergeant- Major Charles R. Reuther, of school headquarters. This writer stated how hard he had been working for the past few days, neglecting to acknowledge the fact that Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry also of headquarters, had been doing a splendid job assisting with the surplus amount of work piled on him. Let's hope this clears up the matter and hasn't created any hard feelings!

If you ever run into the "Lone Wolf" ask him why he hasn't seen his two girls. Then see what he has to say!!!

Here's some more hot news about that "Glamor Boy" from the Special Service Schools! You all know who this writer means—Delmar E. Carlson!

Seems like he hasn't lost any time in getting around, since he was discharged from the hospital. Why it was only last week that your reporter saw him riding arond, after the U.M.C.A. dance, in a luxurious 1941 Packard, and with two very young and ravishing women. Boy, that's what I call technique!

The Misses, Alice Johnson and Mary McMillan, were week end visitors of our newly appointed Sergeant—Albert H. Kachner. The two young women are from Fresno, California; Miss McMillan went to school with Kachner. The lovely girls were shown the wonderful, picturesque sights around the city by Kachner and LeRoy Sixberry. They said they enjoyed the extensive tour immensely and told the boys they were planning to come back soon.

Frederick L. Essen, assistant instructor at the medical school, left on Tuesday, September 23rd, 1941, on a five day furlough. He is going to visit his home town in Turlock and also his folks who live there.

Private Robert Ransom attended the closing game of the Pacific Coast League, between Portland and Oakland, at Seals Stadium. He was greatly disappointed this year because the Seals were in fifth place. Ransom at one time was a baseball player also, although it has been several years since he has played ball. They say he could throw some pretty mean curves!

Sergeant Benjamin J. Kingwell, assistant instructor of the pharmacy school, became 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin J. Kingwell, the early part of this week. He was discharged from the Army Sunday, September 21, 1941, and received a commission in the Medical Administrative Corps, for one year. Lieutenant Kingwell has been fortunate enough to have been assigned to the pharmacy school here. Kingwell resides at Sebastopol, California, and it makes it very convenient for him. He sure looks great in the uniform and we all hope he has the best of luck!

THE STEW-ARD'S LAMENT!

Mary had a little goat,
Butt—it treated her so rough,
She sent it to the Army,
Oh, boy, but was he tough.
—Written by an Army Stew-dent.

HOPEFULNESS

The moon is very pale tonight.
So very pale and thin,
I think she must be worrying,
O'er the fix this world is in.

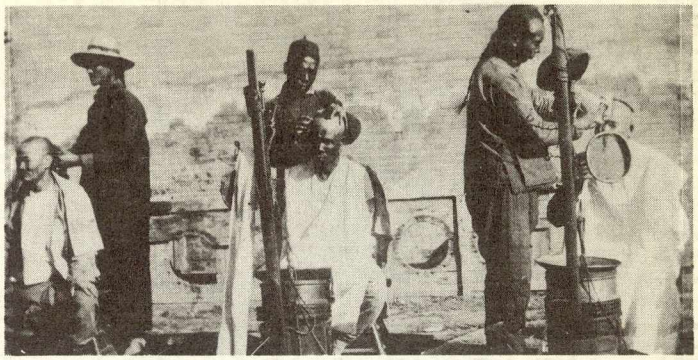
But soon shall come the ruddy glow,
Robust—so full and bright,
Forgotten will this evening be,
And the sadness of this night.

Men's lives are like the changes,
In earth and stars and moon,
The pains and fears and hopelessness
All disappear so soon.

THERE IS MUSIC IN THE AIR

Recently two fair young ladies of several seasons ago were visiting Atlantic City during a band concert. "What was the piece the band just played?" asked one. They had different opinions and could not agree on the title. "Oh," said the other one, "there is a sign up there. I will go and see." She did and when she returned said, "My dead, we were both wrong. The sign said "Refrain from Spitting." The author we hope is unknown about here.

SHAVING THEM UP IN CHINA



Speaking of contrasts, the splendid shop in Letterman looks and acts, may we say, like one of the Seven Wonders of the World compared to other shops. Sergeant Young reports his last shave and hair cut in China were different! Incidentally, if anyone is leaving soon for China we think you will want to get at least "the once over" here. Congratulations everyone on our new shop equipment and increasingly fine service!



Miss Dolores Smith of Preston, Idaho, is added to the Army Nursing Staff at Letterman.

Miss Smith was born in Richmond, Utah, and graduated from high school at Preston, Idaho. She took her nurses training course at Salt Lake City General Hospital. She reports that she finds the Army life strange but very attractive.

Her hobbies are tennis, horseback riding, skating. It is plain to see Miss Smith is an outdoor girl!

Miss Mathilda P. Paul will sail for San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 4. She is spending her vacation visiting relatives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Silva Wilson Askey has resigned to accept a position as obstetrical supervisor at the Oklahoma University Hospital.

Misses Ruth I. Clouser and Dorcas Keim, formerly stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va., are on temporary duty at Letterman enroute to Hawaii.

Miss Bettey L. Reese is on final leave following her resignation.

San Quentin's Drama group is giving the play "The Front Page" in the auditorium of the Educational Department at San Quentin. The Glee Club will entertain. This is a welcome change to the type of news related to San Quentin which too often is just melodrama. Perhaps crime is just that? Congratulations, San Quentin men, on your ambition to think and to do worthwhile things.

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THE OBSERVER SAW

Letter to father, who is a teacher at home: "Dear Dad: I went before the Bored yesterday." Reply: "Dear Son: No news to me. You have been before the Bored the major part of your life. Next time try the Board."

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Superb fishermen here at Letterman. How do they do it? We are suspicious. Could the fish have gotten caught in the submarine net and sold by the Coast Guard? Major Nichol probably knows the answer.

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Thirty miles from Letterman lived a mere school teacher who in his life time wrote 100 text books on education. In 1933 he gave to Stanford University $548,000 from the proceeds of the sales of these books. Last year he added $50,000 more for purchase of new books.

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To the Editor:
Dear Sir:

Was reading a recent issue of your paper about the great size and extent of the Kodiak bear of Alaska. In fact the article was adorned with a picture of one of these same animules. Of course, as I have commented previously, there is not much reason for one to go to Alaska and in proof thereof I ask you to take a trip to the local zoo. There you will find the selfsame bear that so gracefully poses on the front page of your paper. Now, from what I know of Cpl. Ben he deserves better publicity than this open flaunting of an obvious phoney, for although I don't know the name of our friend on the front page, it has gone through the better part of $21.00 per month on several occasions. Sir, I don't imagine that the Kodiak bear will beg for peanuts in such a polite manner. Surely this can't be the same bear that Cpl. Ben watched "over his shoulder."

Wm. P. Anni Onomus.

P.S.: Did Gulliver go to Alaska too?

WPAO

P.S.: No doubt, instead of Gulliver you were referring to "Gullible the Great?"

WPAO

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My esteemed Mr. Wm. P. Anni Onomus:

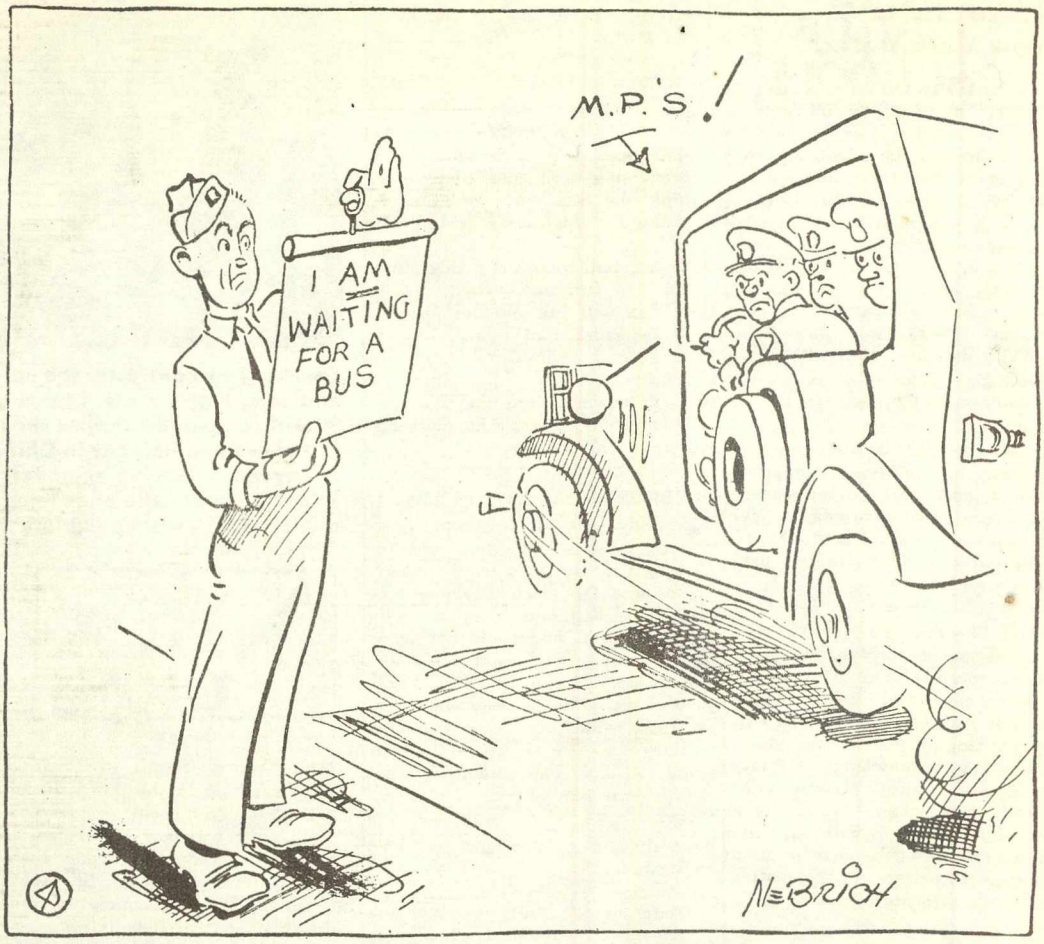
The whole editorial staff feels badly about the comments you make on the Eastman Kodak bear which adorned the front page of last issue of The Fog Horn. You even suggest it s a specimen of our local zoo. Supposing that the photo of the beast was taken at the zoo. This is not inconsistent with the story. Was not Corporal Ben really in Alaska? And he is really here also? He came here for treatment. How do you know but the savage beast in the picture is here also for treatment? I have been tipped off that he is in fact here for the "peanut treatment" and that thanks to some good hearted soldiers from L.G.H. he is recovering. Surely working at a hospital gives one "the touch that makes the whole world well."

Bear up my good friend. There are worse uses $21 per month could be put to!

Ed.

OLLY DRAB

By Pvt. Wilbur Nebrich



FEEDING OF SOLDIERS A JOB THAT REQUIRES LONG PERIOD OF STUDY

Not long ago 15 student dietitians received certificates at the graduation of the Army Medical Corps' eighteenth training course at the Army Medical Center in Washington. To the country at large it was a routine affair. But behind that little scene was one of the most important functions of the United States Army. Feeding soldiers in camps, in the field and on maneuvers long since has been recognized as a big job . . . a most important task. Preparing food for men in hospitals is just as important. It requires the training and skill of experts to see that each patient gets the proper nourishment.

At the Army Medical Center in the Nation's Capital Captain Donald C. Singe is director of dietetics. And what are the requirements necessary before a woman may become an Army hospital dietitian?

Each girl must be a college graduate. She must have a bachelor's degree in science, and she must have a degree in home economics. Well, that takes time, hard study and expense. But that's not all the study she must do.

After her graduation from college the student dietitian must take the special course prescribed by the War Department. At the Army Medical Center in Washington she continues her schooling. Then, after rigid examinations, she is presented her certificate—IF she passes.

Even then the young woman is not ready to go to work. Upon leaving the Army Medical Center she must serve a year's internship as a dietitian at one of the Army hospitals. There she works with experts and learns the business by actual experience.

After that year is up and she passes further tests, then the woman is ready to step into a job as an Army hospital dietitian.

Among the 15 recent graduates from the Army Medical Corps 18th Training Course was Miss Jacqueline B. Long, of 740 Parnassus avenue, San Francisco. Miss Long went to Purdue University, at Lafayette, Indiana, and is now stationed at the hospital at Camp Roberts, California.

PROTEINS OUT OF PLACE

A great public speaker after a recent tour of certain cities reports that the audiences frequently EGGS-agerated his remarks!

Officers' Club Renovations Now Completed

Letterman's Officers Club, the scene of many fine social activities held by the officers of the post, has been undergoing a complete renovation. And with the exception of a few minor changes is ready to accommodate the crowds of festive lovers once more.

The general color scheme of light, soft colors has been retained, and sections of the architecture of the interior have been changed to make it more uniform. New lighting fixtures and furniture have been included to add to the beauty and comfort of the club house, and members of the club will enjoy the new oak dance floor that has been laid as well as the inlaid oak flooring of the porch. The renovation includes the lounge rooms and kitchen. Black and white is the pattern used to help enhance and modernize the kitchen.

Here's a Problem

A man owns an apple tree which is surrounded by three fences, each having one gate. His neighbor expressed a desire to pick the apples on shares, and according to the following arrangement. The neighbor agreed to leave half the apples picked plus one-half apple at the first gate. At the second gate, he agreed to leave half the balance plus one-half apple. Likewise, at the third gate he agreed to leave half the balance plus one-half apple. NOW, the neighbor never cut or broke an apple and his share after this division was one apple. How many apples did he have when he started?

(THE ANSWER IS 15).

MAJOR FOLEY

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swers." But this accomplishment would not be possible apart from a man who has taken seriously his work and who, at the same time, is a constant student of rules, regulations and all data pertaining to his chosen work and professional status. Many great leaders have been materially assisted by the capable and loyal assistants they have selected as their aides. Major Foley is worthy of the highest appreciation of all of us, a painstaking and loyal friend and servant.

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LETTERMAN MAN WINS FIVE DOLLAR AWARD



Colonel McKie congratulates Sgt. W. J. Germany for fine work.

Colonel McKie, Public Relations Officer, at Letterman, presents Sgt. W. J. Germany, a patient, with valued check, prize for poetry award.

The award was rendered to Sgt. Germany for the best four word poem by the National Broadcasting Company. We are not informed on the thousands of competitors for this prize but we do know that the Sergeant swings a fine pen and that he has a mind that can do its stuff. We all join Colonel McKie in congratulating Sergeant Germany on his achievement and we are proud to know we have such men in our Army. Attached herewith is a brief statement of the Who's Who of the Sergeant. Sure enough he is from Texas! But let him tell it—

"Born January 4, 1909, in Texas. Parents moved to Vivian, La., where I attended school. When I was 12 my dad died and I went to work before and after school. During vacation I worked in south Arkansas as an oil well supply warehouseman. I finished high school in 1925 and continued in this line of work as oil well supply warehouseman and salesman until 1938 when I took a two year trip covering all the U.S. and part of Canada and Mexico. Wound up down south and went to work for Latex Iron Works, in the Tinsley, Mississippi oil field. In 1940 I got in the habit of listening to the war news and got my mad up at Hitler. Decided I kinda' liked the country I'd seen and was ready to fight anyone or any creed that jeopardized it's freedom.

"Quit my job and joined the Army at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., on July 13, 1940. Was assigned to 7th QM Bn. at Fort Ord, Calif., where I was made acting Supply Sgt. on September 1, 1940. Was appointed Corporal on October 19, 1940, and Sgt. on December 20, 1940.

"When all threats to our peace are eliminated I expect to go back to the oil fields of the South and take up where I left off.

"My main ambition is to make at least a few friends in all places I go who will say: "He's a pretty good old boy and I like him.'

"As for inspirations—the U.S. is full of them. There are pretty sights, wonderful country, and good people in every section of our union. I know 'cause I've been there. Of course, there is only one state that could be called 'God's country.' That's big enough for Heaven. And everyone knows that's TEXAS. And when 'God's country' is officially designated as one particular spot it will probably lap over into Arkansas.

"Did you say WHY? Well, fellows, Heaven would just have to include the Arkansas Peaches. Where else are the girls so pretty? The soldiers can't control their yoo-hoos there."

W. S. Germany."

The American Way

"The quiet hangs like a heavy velvet cloak, broken occasionally by the rumbling clatter of an owl car, or the raucous blaring of a taxi's horn, but a peace you have seldom sensed before settles on your soul like the damp, misty fingers of fog. You stop, suddenly startled by the magnitude of it all, a magnitude so great you attempt to breath it in with brief, hasty gulps. The far away scream of a siren sends shivers up and down your spine as though the tiny clawing feet of mice were there. A cool wind sends its icy welcome blowing gently across the back of your neck. Turning up your collar you hurry in the opposite direction of its warning blasts like a stray sheep in a raging blizzard. Suddenly you are conscious of the happy laughing voices of the young couples you meet, an infectious happiness that embraces you within its folds. A fierceness wells up in you that quickens the tempo of your heart beat until it is a striding pounding rhythm that matches the clicking echo's of your hurried steps. The knowledge of all this surrounding you fills you with a sublime confidence, a confidence the possession of many others like you, yet the gamble of untold millions. You possess the one thing for which they are sacrificing their homes, their happiness, their very existence. You are free! Free to do as you will, as you think, as you desire! You are an American!"

REMARKS THAT RUINED MY FIRST LEAVE

Do you really have to make up your own bed?

The Army will make a man out of you.

I'd love to see YOU swinging a mop.

Pretty soft for you—living off the government.

Don't tell me YOU get up at quarter to six.

You guys got it easy. . . . Now back in '17.

You mean to say you ain't a lieutenant yet?

I thought the Army would take weight off you.

You're certainly a funny looking soldier.

So you're what's defending ME.

How're you doing with the General?

They tell me you guys eat like kings.

I'll take care of your girl while you're away.

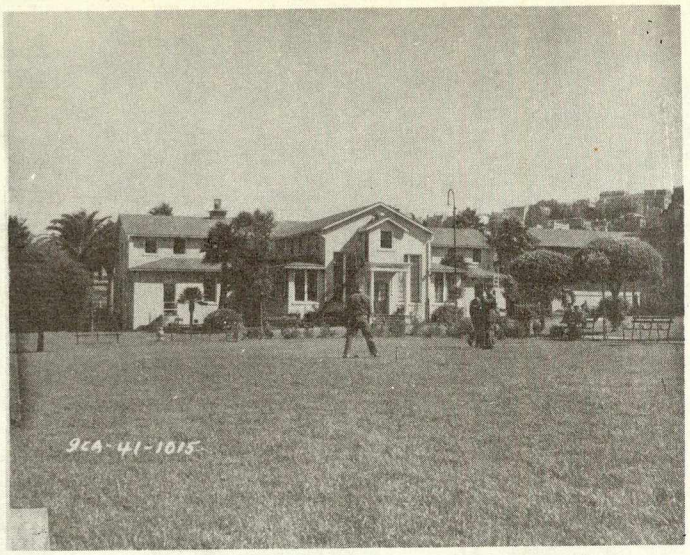
How're you doing with those hostesses?

I'd love the Army but they wouldn't take me.

This year will be over before you know it.

—Fort Dix Reception Center Gazette.

RECREATION CENTER TO BE ENLARGED



General DeWitt requests more space for recreational accommodations at Letterman. A request to the War Department for an addition to the Recreation Center has been made. The proposed addition is to be 30 x 80 feet and will be located at what is now the rear of the present building. It has been found that the increase in patients calls for a larger recreation building. At present there is difficulty in accommodating all the patients who attend the shows. It should be noted that this hospital was originally intended to be a 300 bed hospital. Almost every department has had to expand. The General knows the importance of additional space for this very vital part of the hospital. Every patient and every corps man and member of the Hospital Personnel join the General in hopes for improved recreation facilities.

GENERAL'S DOG

(Continued from page one)

"Well, now that you have time to sit back and philosophize, what do you think of the world situation?" (That question always get's 'em because these big shots have plenty to say about things like that.)

The terse remark deleted to printable form went, "The world is going to the dogs. They have these slogans, 'Keep 'Em Flying',' 'Bundles for Britain,' 'Better Buy Buick.' What we need is a good snappy slogan. Young feller, I reckon one of the best is this one—'Shoot the bull and bring home the bacon.' Young feller, there's food for thought."

SEEMS LOGICAL

"The colored washer woman kept calling out from time to time the word "Morphy." We were interested to learn more about "Morphy" and where he got his name. We asked her, "How do you come to call him Morphy, Miss Lulu?"

Miss Lulu answered, "Morphy is short for morphine. Morphine comes from wild poppies. . . and mister, this chile shore had a wild poppy."

Post Exchange To Undergo Repairs

Work has been started on the alteration of the Service Club and Branch Post Exchange.

Included in the program of improvement will be the removal of all pool and billiard equipment from the present room in the service club to the rear section of the branch post exchange. The tables will be recovered and new equipment added for the comfort of the men, and a person will be placed in charge of this room.

The old pool and billiard room will be converted into a lounge room for the men. Seventeen two-seat sets, 16 easy chairs, 22 smoke stands and one radio will be purchased to furnish this room. The color scheme in the present lounge and reading room will be carried out in the new room.

Work on the new pool room should near completion around Saturday, September 27, and completion of the lounge room will follow in the very near future, Sgt. Bell, Sgt. in charge of the E. and R. Office, reports.

Sick Soldier Pens Letter to Brother Willie at Home

Mr. Willie Smith,
Burr City, Arkansas.

Dear Willie:

Wal, Bud, they moved me up here a couple of weeks ago. I took sick at Camp Roberts and guess I was pretty bad off. Anyway, they brung me on a stretcher that they called a litter. Just as soon as I got put to bed a Dr. come in and looked at me and run off and pretty soon he come back with a whole covey of Dr.'s. After the formal introductions of me sticking my tongue out and saying "Ah" to each, they went into a huddle and pretty soon come back with a Captain. He looked at me and told them I was still alive. That must of been what they was waiting for 'cause they all run off in different directions. Pretty soon they come back. They had a hall tree, an old discarded flower vase, a piece of garden hose, and end off a ice pick, and a whole armfull of bottles. (None labeled Hiram Walker).

Wal, Bud, they sat the hall tree side my bed, hung the flower vase on it, hooked the garden hose on a spigot on the side of the flower vase, attached the end of the ice pick to the garden hose, poured the contents of the bottles in the flower vase, jammed the ice pick in my arm, stepped back and said, "How you like them 'lasses?"

The next day they done this two times and called it "Turkey" and "Chili." And the next day for four days, Bud, they wouldn't let me eat or drink. Said they was giving me my vittles in my veins. I was about to write to Paw to come get me out of this mad house but I got to feeling better and decided they must know what they was doing. I'm most well now. Pretty soon I'm going back to duty. They done started feeding me the old-fashioned way again.

Your brother,
Sam.

PATRIOTISM MADE MORE PALATABLE

A good lady had just returned from France and was speaking before Ladies Aid society of a local church, anywhere in the United States. During the discourse she related her observations and experiences.

At the question-and-answer session she was asked, "What was the most thrilling of your experiences Mrs. Blank?"

"Well," said she, "The most thrilling was the sight of the French Pheasants singing The Mayonaise."

THIS EDITION DEDICATED TO SURGEON GENERAL MAGEE

THE FOG HORN

Volume 1 Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, October 4, 1941 Number 7



Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the United States Army, on visit to Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

SURGEON GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

On my current tour of inspection, I have observed the functioning of the various activities of Letterman General Hospital and have noted the many evidences of improvement and maintenance of its physical aspects. I have especially noted in my contacts with the personnel on duty, the priceless qualities of hapiness, contentment, the cooperative spirit of teamwork and the loyal determination to carry through successfully whatever tasks are at hand or might be ahead. Such traits of character, porticularly notable in medical activities, have reached a high degree at Letterman and constitute evidence of that force which makes America great and which will assure a successful and honorable conclusion of any activity we undertake.

Letterman General Hospital has met with quiet efficiency the many burdens imposed by the emergency and by the rapid expansion of its capacity. Its stability and organization have been invaluable in training inexperienced officers and enlisted men to go into new units and functio neffectively. The Professional Service School, organized because of the emergency, had to be housed in temporary buildings. These structtures, hurriedly erected, had to be placed on the only available space, an expanse of beautiful lawn. Disharmony was expected but I am surprised and pleased to find that the addition of the school uildings, through wise planning and landscaping, blend in a harmonious whole with the surroundings and with the hospital.

I am also very pleased with the high morale of the patients here for treatment and with the high quality of professional care and nursing service they are receiving.

Our problems in the Surgeon General's Office have been great too because of the necessity of supplying quickly, from an otherwise taxed field of supply, all the personnel, materials, labor and equipment needed for the complex medical activities of a vast and far reaching military effort. There, as here, it is the unswerving loyalty and ability of the Medical Department personnel that is responsible for accomplishing so adequately all the requirements with which we are dealing.

Unfortunately, pressing duties prevent my visiting the various Medical Department activities as often as I would like but when such an occasion appears feasible, I look forward to it with keenest anticipation for I find that when I can see you all face to face and witness the evidence of your enthusiasm and accomplishments, I am able to return to Washington with renewed spirit; and the kindliness and faith displayed by our personnel everywhere gives perfect re-assurance that our problems will be met as they arise.

My visit to Letterman has been particularly pleasant and gratifying and I leave you imbued in the deepest sense with your loyal cooperation.

/s/ JAS. C. MAGEE



Major General Magee, Surgeon General of the United States, and Brigadier General DeWitt, of Letterman, hold a conference concerning Letterman's part in the great health program of the United States Army.

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PARTY HONORED SURGEON GENERAL MAGEE MONDAY

Complimenting Surgeon General James C. Magee fifty guests were invited to a dinner given by Brigadier General and Mrs. Wallace W. DeWitt Monday evenng, September 29, at the Letterman Officers' Club. Four hundred guests paid their respects to the Surgeon General at a reception which followed the dinner.

Soft pastel shades for the color scheme of the decorations blended gracefully with the cream-color of the interior. Silver candelabra and single white tapers were accentuated by vases of pink roses and blue scabiosa to form the center piece for the long dinner table. And the banks of mauve, pink and blue hydrangias with profusions of small pink chrysanthemums were contrasted throughout the club with Magnolia branches which completed the charm of the club. An austere background of the colors with a base of palms and ferns and flanked with Surgeon General Magee's Staff flags lent an added dignity to the receiving line.

Pay Day Lament Or Why Be Broke

There seems to be a more or less fixed idea in the minds of the men in the Detachment that one must "go to town" on pay-day, spend their all, and be sadder but wiser (?) men the next day with an empty pocketbook if someone didn't get that, too. Perhaps they do have a few nickels the week after pay table march, who knows? This idea is certainly a mistaken one. The Commanding General has done everything in his power to build, buy and hire entertainment for the men of this command. The latest innovation of moving the pool tables to the Field Post Exchange is a case in point. Isn't it much better to play pool and cool off with your favorite glass of beer in congenial surroundings? The atmosphere of down-town pool rooms, honky-tonks et al may attract a certain few but those that use "horse sense" know that Letterman's facilities for entertainment beat any other post in the Bay Area. First run movies, miniature golf, croquet, tennis, etc., etc., too numerous to mention; a baseball team with as good or better equipment than the average college team; a gymnasium or rather two that are within walking distance in one of which the E. & R. Officer saw to it that Letterman's equipment was placed so that our men could have the privilege of using them as well as other facilities. With the foregoing in mind, will someone inform The Fog Horn why the men in this Detachment have to be broke a week after pay-day?

CAPTAIN KNEIRIM HEADS ARMY NURSE CORPS



Captain Kneirim, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps and Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital, who is subject of article in adjoining column.

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Miss Margaret Kneirim, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps and Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital since 1939 is a native of Brookville, Ohio. She graduated from the White Cross Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, with the class of 1903 and remained with that institution as an Operating Room Supervisor for ten years. In 1914 she received her appointment in the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital. After serving there as Operating Room Supervisor for one year she was transferred to Letterman General Hospital and continued in the same line of service. After spending a short time at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, Captain Kneirim received her orders for the Philippines. While enroute she received her promotion to Chief Nurse, Army Nurse Corps, February, 1917. After two years in the Islands she was ordered back to close the hospitals at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Rahway, New Jersey. Later she was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she again served as Operating Supervisor for four and one-half years. After a short tour of duty at Fort Totten, New Jersey, due to the fatal illness of her father, it seemed advisable for her to resign from the service. After an absence of nine months, however, she was reinstated with her fromer rank and assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Again she was ordered to return to the Philippine Islands and this time for three years, later returning to Walter Reed General Hospital for a tour of four and one-half years. She received her appointment as Captain, Army Nurse Corps, in July, 1939. Miss Kneirim came to Letterman on her second tour of duty in September, 1939. At that time there were on dut yhere sixty nurses. This number has increased to the present time to 134 nurses. Thirty-six nurses have received instruction here and have been made Chief Nurses. New nurses coming into the Army service are instructed according to Army regulations and hospital routine to better qualify them for future assignments.

Captain Kneirim made a trip

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EDITORIAL

DEMOCRACY PROVES ITSELF

The Letterman School proves the validity of the Democratic ideal. We have learned that American men with a good general basic education can speedily be taught specific and technical functions successfully. The Army needed trained medical technicians but how and where to get them was the problem. They could not be had in the markets without great expense and even then they were not trained for the specific setup needed in Army hospitals to meet Army requirements.

The Surgeon General has shown great faith in Young America and at the same time proved that he is a modern mind in the field of education. Men can be trained on the job, for the job, to do the job. The School technical hospital training here is a great achievement. It demonstrates what a free people can do, once intelligent leadership is supplied.

The Surgeon General has shown good judgment in picking Lt. Col. Ervin, a man of great energy and ingenuity, to organize the school here at Letterman. This school seems, on careful inspection, to be a very great achievement, a real success, and a demonstration of the faith which is America.

Student: I don't think I deserve a zero.

Pprofessor: Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give.

MEDICAL DETACH

Friend Sgt. John (6576620) Saurwein has a complaint to make. Hear Ye! It concerns being listed in this column last week as a member of the Police Personnel instead of the Unit Personnel. Tsk! Tsk! and to think we were wishing him success. If I were Sgt. Vaugh I believe I would resent Sgt. Saurwein a trifle. Anyway, I apologize for the error if I was misinformed, but from what I hear John, you have suffered from mild attacks of amnesia recently, and maybe you were at fault. And while I am about it, when you become forgetful and don't remember making engagements for football games et. al., how do you get back into the good graces of the offended party? Or do you? Any questions class?

Something new has been added to: Sayler E. Reed Jr. who was appointed Corporal. Marino F. Baggese, Louis Caso, Lloyd W. Congdon, Errol E. Cropsey, Leo H. Fogle, Harley E. Liebert, Oscar R. Madsen, Francis E. McDonald, Minouru Nagareda and George R. Sistek who were appointed Pfcs. That is mighty nice, fellows.

There has been a lot of droning up talk of forming an Air Club. Sounds anything but monotonous.

Tanforan race track will be calling among other, Pvt. Cotello Saturday. It's disgusting that some of the fellows can't get a date with one gal while Cotello will be squiring two of them that day.

Delicate subjects: "Genial John" Davis and "Skinny Gobble" Hargreaves after breakfast appetites. "Two end pieces of chocolate cake please."

"Chubby Gobble" Bell's aversions to parties. "Joy unbounded!! Borther Bell!"

"Mike" at the Information Office when someone does not want to be found. "Square those shoulders Pvt. Michael, we all have our burdens."

Some peoples annoyances at the Government for even possessing something called the Phillipine Islands. "It takes all kinds."

That unprecedent luck of Pvt. Mason. "What a lot of head-aches you have caused, Ralph."

Ren Hawkins' disgust when a friend was discharge from the Army on the newly issued government order (wife clause). "Tuff luck—Ren."

THE WORLD SERIES

We bet on the Dodgers!

The Brooklyn Dodgers. It should be explained that this organization has nothing to do with the draft. Nor for that matter with income tax collections. We have been trying to figure out the number of hours of pleasure or agony we have spent on the world series in past twenty years. Guess how many hours? Guess again. Great sport is like a cyclone in its action on this neutral dust of ours. We are swept into its vortex and we are all playing psychologically the Game of Games, before we know it. There is another phase of this matter of absorption into the greatness of the World Series storm. We have taken out our notebook and gone about the place getting a check on "former major league players" most of whom have played in a World Series. The number is astonishing. "Do you see that man?" "He used to play in the World Series." We have about run out of addition and have had to resort to multiplication. After all who can be blamed for a little deception? It is a good sign when men hunger to do great things.

If we only knew the truth,
Most of us have played Babe Ruth,
Human kind is such a sort,
We find ourselves in worthy sport.

Post Mourns Death Tommy Is Dead

It is with regret that we learn of Tommy's death. Tommy the cat was mascot of the hospital for two years and a particular friend of Private George G. Smith who has had a standing luncheon engagement with him every day during those two years. Tommy inadvertently stepped off the curb into the path of a truck which struck him and left him lying broken and crushed in the street. Pvt. Smith's attempts to help Tommy were in vain, and he was rushed to the operating room at the hospital in an effort to alleviate the suffering. Tommy died while under the anesthetic.

A long and meritous service record of Mouser-First-Class was Tommys'. Patient to a fault and a student in the finer points of Mousing had earned Tommy a reputation among both the personnel of the hospital as well as the rodents of the fields for his deadliness while on the hunt.

Patients and personnel of the hospital are particularly sad to learn of the passing of a fine friend. And it grieves them to think that they will no longer be able to find Tommy at his haunts in the flowers outside the "K" wards or around the Recreation Hall. Always friendly, definitely a man about camp, Tommy was a gentleman.

Q. M. NEWS

The commissioned, enlisted, and civilian personnel of the Quartermaster Corps stood before the magic camera last Wednesday for a group picture. The proofs have been received, and those who have had the opportunity to see them have been getting quite a laugh.

Has anybody noticed how quiet the Detachment is these days? Our famous story teller of tall tales has gone to the hospital for an operation. Hurry up and get well, Bokin, for the boys miss you.

Staff Sgt. Bedayan, better known as "Kay" to most of the boys, has returned from DS at Philadelphia, Pa. He states that he is open for invitations from all the ladies.

We are glad to say at this writing that the detachment has gone almost 100 per cent in the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This shows the spirit of the detachment in purchasing these bonds and stamps, as it is not a compulsory issue, but purely voluntary.

Pvt. Hughes, the detachment master mind, has returned from a visit to his home in the Codfish state, Massachussetts. He states that the Codfish state is the best. You wouldn't be slighting the sunny state of California, would you, Red? It seems that on his way back he had $15 in his possession, and some way it got away from him. Never mind, Red. The Government is giving you $10 more this pay day, so that will only make a loss of $5.

Has anyone noticed the nice new badges that are being worn by all drivers at the post garage? We wonder who wears Badge No. 1. It wouldn't be our good looking Technical Sgt. Dave Gimble, would it?

Seen while passing the garage last Saturday: All the drivers not out on a run standing around with brooms in their hands. At first I thought that a game of broom hockey was in progress, but upon investigation I found out that it was a scrubbing match. Of course, no grumbles could be heard, but I wish that I was a mind reader. Who ever thought that a driver would have to scrub a floor of a garage? We never did it before. Cheer up, fellows, and remember that you're in the Army now.

LT. COL. HUMPHREY N. ERVIN INTRODUCED TO READERS

Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin was born in Dayton, Ky., March 19, 1883. For his college education he went to Wooster, Ohio, to Wooster College. On graduation he went to the Medical School at the University of Cincinnati, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Here he pursued the general course. His internship was spent in Dayton, Kentucky, General Hospital. On completion of this status he was in the medical service of the Soldiers Home at Dayton, Ohio, and later of Hampton, Virginia, until 1917. He entered the Army in 1917 with the rank of 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps. His first service was at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, at which place he spent eight months, then was transferred to France with the Seventh Division. He was in France for one year, returned home in 1919 and went with the Seventh Division first to Fort Riley, Kansas, and later to Camp Meade in Maryland. He took the advanced course of the Army Medical School at Washington, D. C. and was thereafter assigned to Willard Parker Hospital, New York City, thence to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, then back to Camp Meade. In August, 195, he was sent to Panama, where he remained until August, 1928. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and later spent five years on a tour of instruction duty with the National Guard of Ohio. He was then transferred to Walter Reed and later to Letterman General Hospital.

Colonel Ervin married Miss Clara Smith of Columbus, Ohio, in 1917. The Colonel says that the only hobby that he has is his work. He has served 25 years in the Army and he has done everything in this period of service. He has served as Battalion Surgeon and also Division Surgeon. It would seem that Colonel Ervin comes naturally by his ability as an instructor. His parents before him have had a lifelong service in significant instruction. The Colonel seems to be a born teacher. He is a fitting example of a philosophy of Americanism which at this time seems increasingly to e significant. Colonel Ervin has had a splendid general education. His forte is the specialty of being able to adjust quickly and do well anything that is placed before him to do. The Colonel came to know General Magee, the Surgeon General, while the latter was on tour of instruction with the Pensylvania National Guard. Colonel Ervin, at this time, was instructor with the Ohio National Guard. They later met at Walter Reed where they were both stationed at that time. The Colonel seems to have an untiring energy and the ability to adapt and use it constructively in an educational program. This type of personality and training is of great importance at a time when traditional standards are in process of change.



Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin seated at his desk at Letterman.

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NURSES PAY TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL MAGEE AT SOCIAL AFFAIR

The festivities were under the direction of Chief Captain Kneirim and her able assistant, Miss Newton. It is estimated there were present 350 guests which included with scarcely an exception the 136 nurses on duty here at Letterman. Over 100 oficers likewise attended. This group included within it the medical staffs of the Ninth Corps Area, also the Fourth Army, and the Presidio Station Hospital. Officers and wives were in attendance. Refreshments were served after which there was music and dancing. General and Mrs. DeWitt likewise acted as host and hostess for the evening.

Among those present were General and Mrs. Metcalf, Colonel Berry, Colonel McCormack, Colonel and Mrs. McMillan, Colonel and Mrs. Buck, Colonel and Miss Holt, and Miss Dora E. Thompson, former Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps. The reception was informal and very greatly enjoyed by everyone present. It was a delightful occasion and was participated in sincerely to the honor and respect of the guest of the evening, Major General Magee.

News from The Officers Training School

On Saturday, September 27, 1st Sergeant Joseph I. Murray, Technical Sergeant Harry A. Ferguson, Sergeant Roland L. Hoover, Sergeant Ralph J. Comstock, Jr., and Private Sam A. Edwards of the school and hospital personnel at Letterman Hospital were sent to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., as Letterman Hospital representatives for training in the Officers' Training School.

1st Sergeant Murray, Sergeant Hoover, and Private Edwards were selected from the school administrative force for this honor, and Technical Sergeant Ferguson and Sergeant Comstock received this appointment as representatives of the Hospital administrative force. 1st Sergeant, Technical Sergeant, Sergeant Hoover, Murray and Ferguson are members of the regular Army and Sergeant Comstock and Private Edwards are inducted members of the Army.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOL HISTORY REVIEWED IN INTERESTING ARTICLE

On October 20 ,1940, the Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital received information from the Surgeon General that a school for medical technicians would be established at Letterman General Hospital for the purpose of training technicians for the Medical Department of the Army. This was accompanied by a tentative plan of training, together with the number of students to be trained and the construction that could be authorized.

Under date of October 4, 1940, the Commanding General of Letterman Hospital submitted to the Surgeon General his plan of training, together with the maximum number of students that could be accomodated and the construction that would be necessary to carry out this training. The Commanding General's plan was approved and on November 7, 1940 he received a letter from the Adjutant General authorizing the establishment of such a school together with the necessary construction. The Commanding General immediately designated the Detachment Commander and Training Officer of Letterman General Hospital, Lt. Colonel H. N. Ervin, MC, to act as Assistant Commandant of the school, with instructions to prepare plans for the construction of the school buildings, to requisition the necessary equipment for instruction purposes, to organize the school, and to prepare courses of instruction, together with the necessary schedules. The Commanding General's plan called for a refresher course, of one months' duration, for Reserve and National Guard Officers, not to exceed more than 50 officers at any one time. The school was to be held responsible for the administrative work, the necessary records, reports, and returns, for the housing, the messing, and assignments; the actual instruction for officers to be carried out in the various services of the hospital. The school for enlisted technicians was to be of three months' duration and was not to exceed 300 students at any one time. It was to be made up of (1) a School for Medical Technicians, not to exceed 150 students at any one time; theoretical instruction and demonstrations to be carried out in the school, with practical instruction during the last month in the hospital itself; (2) a School for Surgical Technicians, not to exceed 120 students at any one time, with theoretical instruction and demonstrations in the school and practical instruction during the last month of the course in the hospital itself; (3) a School for Laboratory Technicians, not to exceed 18 students at any one time, the instruction in its entirety to be given in the school but material for instruction purposes to be available at the hospital; (4) a School for Pharmacy Technicians, not to exceed 24 students at any one time, theoretical and practical instruction to be given in the school and, for the more advanced students, some experience in the hospital Pharmacy; (5) a School for X-Ray Technicians, not to exceed 18 students at any one time, the entire instruction to be given in the school; (6) a School for Dental Laboratory Technicians, not to exceed 30 students at any one time, all instruction to be given in the school.

The Adjutant General authorized the following new construction to house the school: 3 barrack buildings, modified as may be necessary, for school work; 1 administration building; 1 store house; 2 40-room barracks for officers and 5 63-man barracks for enlisted men. In addition, the necessary utilities, walks, and roads were authorized. $47,000 was made available for the school by the Surgeon General's Office, for the procurement of the necessary equipment with which to carry on instruction.

The Assistant Commandant, with a one-room office in the Letterman Detachment Headquarters, proceeded first with the preparation of the plans for the school buildings. With the advice and assistance of the heads of the various departments of the hospital, these plans were completed by the last of November and turned over to the Quartermaster. The Quartermaster approved the plans, advertised for bids, and ground was actually broken for construction of all buildings on December 10, 1940. The contract called for the completion of all buildings in 90 days, however, the unusually heavy rains of the winter of 1940-1941 caused considerable delay in construction of the buildings, and especially of roads and walks. The buildings were actually turned over for the use of the school on March 25, 1941, without roads and walks. The buildings were sticking up out of a quagmire of mud, ditches, and puddles. It was necessary, for the first month of the school, to use duck boards, timbers, and boards, to get from one building to another.

The plans for the buildings having been completed, work was begun on a requisition for the necessary supplies and equipment for the operation of the school. Early in December the Medical Supply Officer was given a requisition totaling approximately $39,000 for the equipment of the school. This was forwarded to the Surgeon General, approved, and by the first of February, 1941, supplies were beginning to arrive. They were held in storage by the Medical Supply Officer awaiting the opening of the school.

About the first of the year, the Assistant Commandant moved into offices in the north side of the Recreation Building. During the month of January, with the aid of two commissioned assistants, two enlisted assistants, and one civil service stenographer, the organization of the school was perfected. Filing systems were instituted; the necessary blank forms for the administration of the school, for students records, and the necessary reports and returns were devised, printed, and stored.

About the first of February the school was notified that officer instructors had been selected, were being sent to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for a 30-days' course of instruction, and would report to the school the latter part of March; that the first students would arrive on April 1, 1941 and that the school would open its classes on that date. The Commanding General of Letterman Hospital designated officers from the Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, X-Ray, Pharmacy, and Dental Sections of the hospital to act as assistants to the Assistant Commandant in the preparation of courses to be ready for the opening of the school. The months of February and March were devoted exclusively to the preparation of outlines of courses for each of the schools, preparation of master schedules, collection and preparation of instruction material to be ready on the day that the school was to open. Detailed schedules for the first week were prepared and ready for the opening of the school. The last week of March, the instructors arrived from Carlisle.

The school actually opened all classes on April 2, 1941, with 20 students in the Officers' School and 90 students in the Technicians' School. The buildings still required some work before completion. Only about half the equipment had been placed in the school rooms and class rooms. Chairs had not arrived for the class rooms but the hospital had loaned the school a miscellaneous collection of chairs and stools so that all students were able to sit down during classes. Textbooks had been completed and bound in sufficient number so that each student was supplied with the proper texts.

In addition to the commissioned and enlisted personnel on duty at the school, there are seven civilian stenographers, one civilian storekeeper, and four civilian janitors. An officers' mess is operated for student officers and each student officer is furnished with a room in the officers' building. The enlisted men are messed with the Letterman Hospital Detachment.

Eighty-five officers have been graduated from the Officers' School. Three hundred eighty four enlisted men have been graduated from the Technicians' School. The enlisted students have come from 39 different stations, representing 95 organizations. Enlisted students have been selected men, have been interested and conscientious in their work and have consistently made good grades and obtained good ratings. Only 21 of the students assigned to this school have had to be returned to their organizatiions because of unsatisfactory work.

Today the Special Service School consists of the Officers' School and the School for Enlisted Surgical, Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Laboratory, and X-Ray Technicians. There are enrolled on October 1, 1941, 252 students. The physical equipment of the school consists of three well-equipped buildings. The Medical School has class rooms for lectures and a model ward equipped with beds, bedside tables, medicine cabinets, linen, and all the equipment to be used in an active ward. The instruction in ward work is carried on in this model ward. The School for Surgical Technicians, besides its class room, has an operating room, equipped with operating table, scrub basins, anesthesia equipment, instruments, dressings, completely equipped sterilizing room, a room equipped for plaster work, and all the splints and appliances necessary for the care of surgical cases. The Pharmacy School is equipped with laboratory benches, the ordinary scales, stoves, drugs, and other equipment necessary for the filling of prescriptions of all kinds. The Laboratory School is equipped with refrigerators, sterilizers, incubators, microscopes, and sufficient glassware and other equipment to carry out any ordinary laboratory procedure that might be encountered in a hospital. The X-Ray School is equipped with the latest type of X-Ray equipment; tables, fluoroscopic equipment, tubes, transformes, dark room developing tanks, etc. The Dental School is equipped with laboratory desks, supplied with water, gas, and electricity, and compressed air, with dental engines, lathes, vulcanizers, and such other equipment as would enable the students to produce first-class dental laboratory work. In the last six months, roads and sidewalks have been constructed and the grounds have been parked and landscaped. Approximately 100 enlisted students are graduated each month and 100 new students report each month for

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LONG AND COLORFUL HISTORY OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT TOLD

The history of the Medical Department begins with the Continental Army in Boston, 1775. The doctors, during the Revolution, were especially morale builders, rather than physicians. They frequently were outstanding leaders in civic affairs and as such added, in no small way, to the winning of the cause of American freedom. The names of revolutionary leaders reads very much like a "who's who" in medicine.

In view of the fact that medicine and surgery in that early day were mostly morale plus simple remedies and treatments there is small wonder that the leaders of the medical profession gave of their time to civic leadership rather than to the arts of the physician. Army Hospitals, when they were established, were more sources of infection than places of cure. General Washington had one source of worry that most of us know little about! In 1777 a phamphlet was published with directions on how to preserve the health of our soldiers. The pay of the Army doctor was fixed by Congress in 1779, at $1.33 per day. "Hospital orderlies" served only for a twenty-four hour period and then returned to their soldierly duties. Obviously they were never a trained group. Bleeding and laxatives were the order of the day. "Wonderful little, when all is said,
Wonderful little our fathers knew.
Half of their remedies cured you dead—
Most of their teaching was quite untrue—
'Look at the stars when a patient is ill.
(Dirt has nothing to do with disease,)
Bleed and blister as much as you will,
Blister and bleed him as oft as you please.'
Whence enormous and manifold
Errors were made by our fathers of old."

Kipling: Our Fathers of Old

Washington, on his first inspection, on taking over the Continental Army, discovered the hospital conditions to be very bad. The first Surgeon General appointed was a Doctor Church who later was discovered to be a traitor. He escaped. A bad beginning. No one has read the story of the Revolutionary War until he has read the story of the sick and wounded men in our Continental Army.

The Medical Department as it exists today dates from 1818 when Congress organized the Medical Department as one of the Departments of the Army. Joseph Lovell was appointed Surgeon General. From that day to this the history of the Department is unbroken. We have maintained at all times since a Medical Corps with a Surgeon General to direct it.

In 1861 Dr. Wm. A. Hammond was the Surgeon General. He was a student. He had imagination. He was interested in research. He was a storehouse of energy and together with his friend, Jonathan Letterman, produced a system for checking data and finding out what they were accomplishing. A book was published of great value.

Orders to Jonathan Letterman

"Surgeon General's Office,
June 19, 1862.

"You are detailed for duty with the Army of the Potomac as Medical Director. In making this assignment I have been governed by what I conceive to be the best interests of the service. Your energy, determination, and discharge of duty in all the different situations in which you have been placed, during your service of thirteen years, determined me to place you in the most arduous, responsible, and trying position you have yet occupied . . . . . and now, trusting to your possession of those qualities, without which I should never have assigned you to duty, I commit to you the health, the comfort, and the lives of thousands of our fellow-soldiers, who are fighting for the maintenance of their liberties. I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. A. Hammond."

This letter is a heritage. It is blanket order for all those brave and devoted medical servants of our armed forces, who have served or now serve, and at the same time a description of their noble behavior. We here at Letterman are conscious of the dignity of the name this hospital bears and we are aware that the flame of the Letterman spirit has been torch to those here and now who "carry on." We are proud of the Surgeon General of the United States, Major General Magee, and we are proud of his notable assistant in charge of this great hospital, Brigadier General Wallace De Witt.



Neat lawns, attractive sidewalks and c lean buildings form campus of school.
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"What makes you think the sea of matrimony is terrible?"

"Well, just from the way married couples are always sailing into each other."

Golden deeds make golden days.

Oh, to have it said "He is a kindly man,
To all those who need it He lends a helping hand.
To be considered wise, strong, fearless, yet meek,
To be liked by the strong as well as the weak.

To have friends who need you, and whom you know,
Will follow your footsteps wherever you go.
To miss you in your absence and long for your return,
For all of these things, I always will yearn.

The first law, both for man and nation,
Are rules that govern sanitation.
Nothing matters, pride or wealth,
Unless somehow we keep our health.

Salesman: These shirts simply laugh at the laundry!

Customer: I know. I've had some come back with their sides split!

Teacher: What is it that binds us together, sustains us, and makes us better than Nature intended?

Tommy: Girdles.

X-RAY SCHOOL GOT STARTED IN APRIL WITH TWO-MAN CLASS

The X-Ray School received its first students on April 2, 1941. It was fortunate and appropriate that the first class of two men should be the smallest class to date. Fortunate, because there was very little equipment installed as yet, and learning to take x-rays without machines is like learning to fly without planes. During the month of August we had our full quota of eighteen students and three full time instructors. Practically all of our requisitioned equipment has been installed.

The objective of the X-Ray School is to train and graduate men as competent and efficient x-ray technicians. This means that they should be able, at the end of their three months' course, to take good, diagnostic x-ray films, either in the laboratory or in the field, under battle conditions. This is no simple matter, for to take diagnostic films, the technician must know and understand hundreds of different positions, angles, and machine settings in order to use the right combination to get the desired result. We teach them the technique of administration and a basic, standard dosage for the prophylactic and therapeutic treatment

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Group learns operation of X-Ray camera in X-Ray School.
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SURGICAL SCHOOL FILLS IMPORTANT PART IN ARMY LIFE

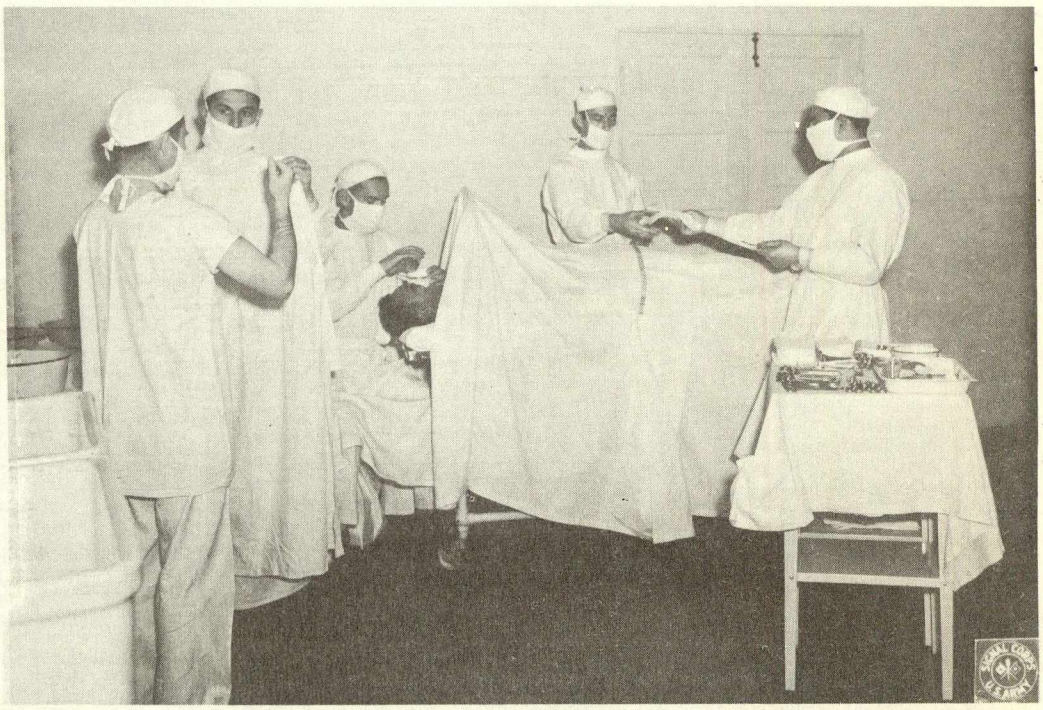
The Surgical School offers to various units of the Medical Corps the opportunity to have men thoroughly trained in the surgical procedures which they must know to properly function in key places of their respective units.

The course is divided into three periods of four weeks each. The first period is devoted to lectures, demonstrations and practical exercises in anatomy, physiology, arithmetic, hygiene, field service, chemical warfare, first aid, surgical nursing, hospital administration and ward management. During this period, the student has an opportunity to learn and actually practice the procedures of bed making, baths, catheterizations, infusions, transfusions, handling of property, etc.

The second period, the students spend their mornings in the wards of the hospital in actual practice of the procedures learned in the first period. Their afternoons are devoted to training and practice in the preparation of dressings, autoclaving, rolling of packs, the application of traction and plaster casts, scrubbing and gowning and operating room procedures.

The third period, the men remain in the surgical clinics and wards for the entire day and have an excel-

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Operating room of Surgical School.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

DENTAL SCHOOL GOT START WITH SEVEN STUDENTS

The Dental School commenced Wednesday, April 2, 1941 with seven students and three instructors. Since that time twenty one men have been graduated and the enrollment at the present time is seventeen.

The equipment used by each student consists of dental lathes, dental engines, burn-out furnaces, casting machines, a vulcanizer for curing dentures, and instruments for the various operations in the dental laboratory.

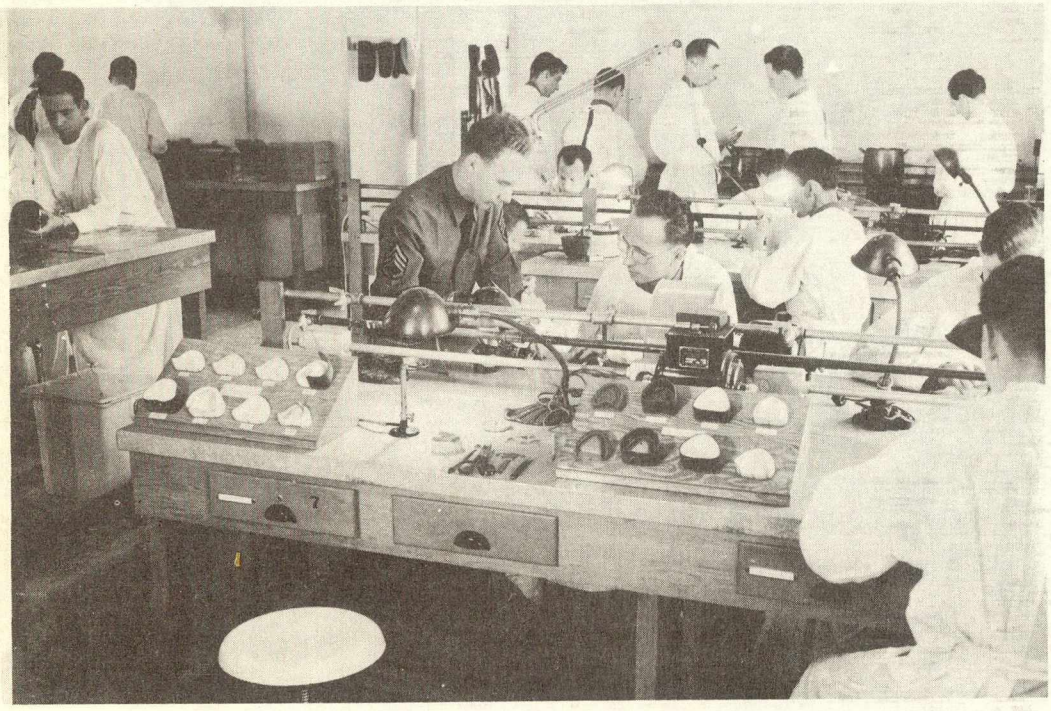
Because of the many complicated procedures in the construction of dental appliances (the construction of a single upper denture consists of twenty four separate operations) and the limited time of the training period, everything that is given to the student is basic. When the student graduates, he has been trained in the art of constructing Full or Partial Dentures or plates, as they are sometimes called, bridges, inlays, repairs of all kinds, splints for jaw fractures, and many other phases of the work of the dental technician.

With few exceptions, the interest of the men enrolled in the Dental Shcool has been exceptionally keen, and, as a result, men with little or no previous experience have made many fine sets of artifical teeth.



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No woman really makes a fool of a man. She merely gives him opportunity to develop his natural capacities.



Dental School students shown busy at their various tasks.

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From Here to There

Diana King (S-1) is beaming these days. Let us in on the secret, Diana.

Marcella Hunt (Receiving Office) is our idea of a lovely gal. Furthermore, she is entirely unassuming, which makes her all the more lovely.

Girls of the Unit Personnel Office practically yell with delight when Sergeant Holcomb's mother goes on a cooking spree because they are certain to receive something very delicious. Mrs. Holcomb, besides being a cook par excellence, is charming and friendly.

We are delighted to hear that Mr. Raymond Donahue, who has been very ill, is "doing nicely." Get well Mr. Donahue. We miss you.

Distress signal: Edith Turner of the Unit Personnel is missing one smock. She requests that all youse gals wearing size 14's check and see if you could have gotten hers by mistake. Thanks.

"Yeah, my company really is a going concern."

"Is that so? What do you manufacture?"

"Green traffic lights."

MEDICAL SCHOOL PRODUCES CAPABLE ASSISTANTS IN THREE MONTHS

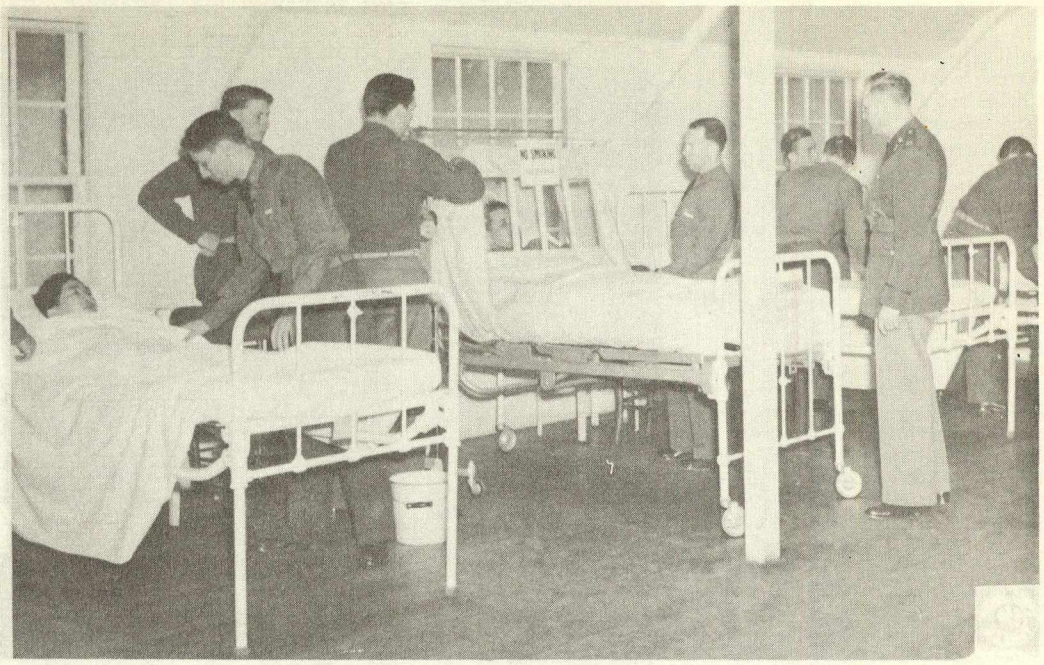
The mission af the Medical School is to train me as thoroughly as possible in a three months' period to enable them to be of the greatest assistance to their various organizations in the nursing care of patients.

They receive instruction in the following subjects: nursing, ward management, supply, hospital administration, arithmetic, first aid, hygiene and sanitation, anatomy, defense against chemical warfare and medical field service.

Most of the time is devoted to nursing instruction. In addition to lectures, students are given many demonstrations and much time is taken up by applicatory exercises. This phase of nursing is given in the school, the student learning such procedures as bed making, giving baths, and the administration of medical nursing, there is a short course in surgical nursing; demonstrations and applicatory exercises being given in such subjects as sterilization, operating technique, pre- and postoperative care of patients, etc.

The students receive their practical work in nursing at Letterman General Hospital. Here they are un-

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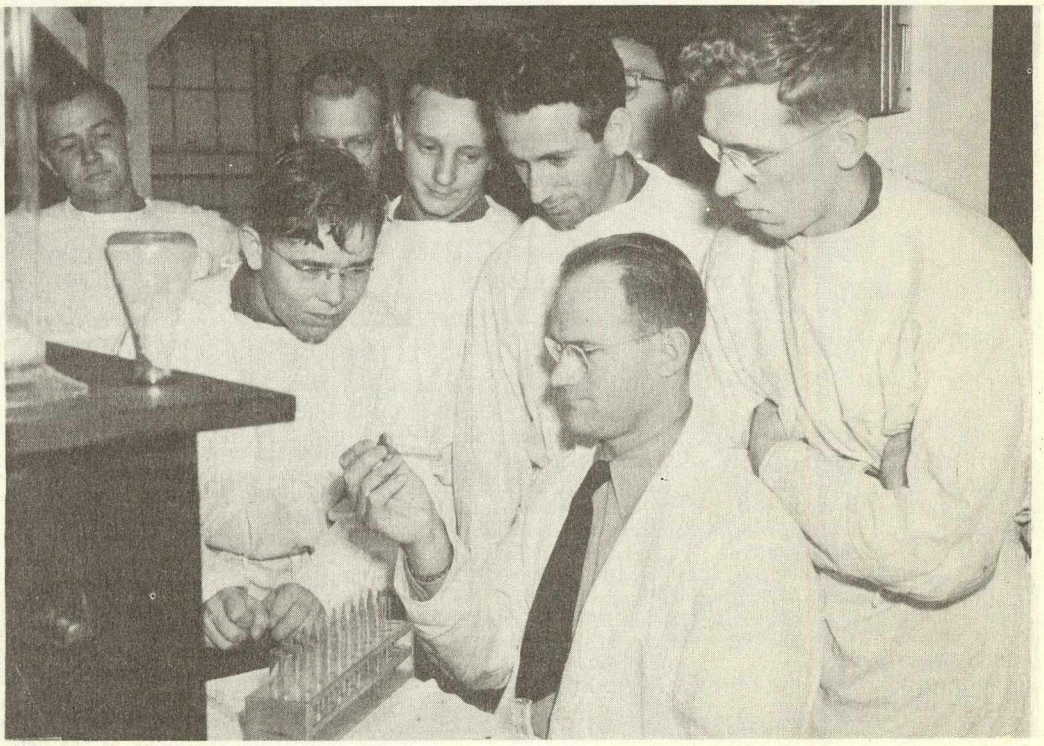
Bed making is an important task of the Medical School.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

HIGHLY TRAINED MEN PRODUCED FROM LABORATORY SCHOOL

The Laboratory School trains technical personnel for duties in General and Station Hospital Laboratories. Due to the highly specialized nature of the work and the need for individual instruction the number of students admitted each month is limited to six. These men are selected on the basis of their previous experience or aptitude in the fields of chemistry, biology or mathematics. These qualifications are necessary because the course covers examination of bacteria, blood, urine, parasites and water and involves the use of complicated scientific equipment. A laboratory technician must be able to use the microscope, analyze some of the chemical constituents of the blood, cook media, prepare glassware, type donors for transfusion and grow bacteria as part of his many and varied duties.

Each student is supplied with an individual microscope and laboratory equipment so that he functions partly as an independent student laboratory, preparing his own solutions and making his own analyses. Cooperation among individuals becomes an important factor because the students share such equipment as centrifuges, iceboxes, incubators and sterilizers; carelessness on the part of one may spoil many hours

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General Laboratory School shown in operation.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

GOOD PRESCRIPTION MEN IS MOTTO OF PHARMACY SCHOOL

The Pharmacy School functions to train men to competently compound and dispense drugs and medicines in Army Pharmacies. The course consists of twelve weeks' instruction which includes both lecture and laboratory work. The subjects covered include Pharmaceutical Arithmetic, Materia Medica, Chemistry, Galenical Pharmacy, Prescription Pharmacy, and a short course in pharmacy administration to acquaint the students with the duties which they will be expected to perform when graduated and assigned to work in an Army Hospital.

The arithmetic is highly stressd. Unless calculations can be accurately made by the pharmacist he is not a safe man to have dispensing prescriptions. In the study of materia medica only that which pertains to doses, uses and synonyms of important drugs is considered, with the emphasis being placed on doses of potent drugs. This understanding enables the technician to avoid dispensing overdoses of medicines.

Galenical pharmacy pertains to the manufacturing of stock preparations, and the prescription pharmacy course gives the student practice in filling prescriptions. Aproximately 200 prescriptions are filled by each student.

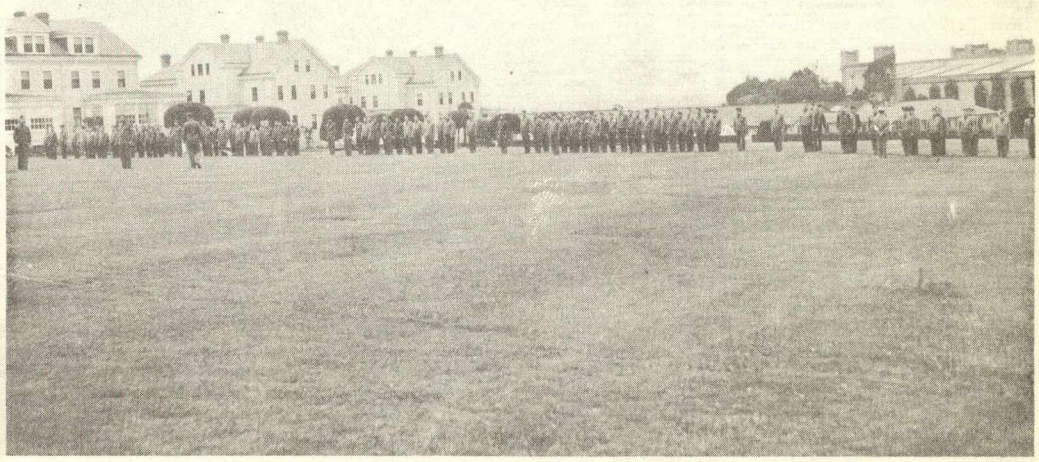
The Prescription Pharmacy course is taken up during the last half of the three months period and includes study of Latin terms used in writing prescriptions, correct procedure in compounding and dispensing. Administration conference time is spent in discussing the use of the Medical Supply Catalog, submitting of requisitions, keeping the necessary records and accounts, use of available literature and catalogs, the handling of narcotics, alcohol, biologicals, and other expensive drugs, and the relationship existing between the patient, Medical officer, and phamacits.

The school is very fortunate to be affiliated with Letterman General Hospital in that each student is given at least one week of training in the Pharmacy of that Hospital.

Under the training program, eight students are enrolled and eight graduated each month. To date, twenty five have completed the course and fifteen are enrolled at the present time.



Beakers, funnels, glass tubes, etc., all a part of Pharmacy School.
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Even students of Service School must learn Army drills.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

MEDICAL SCHOOL

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der the guidance of the various officers, nurses, and enlisted personnel of that establishment.

Lectures are given in ward management, supply and hospital administration, and these subjects are correlated with their nursing training in the hospital.

X-RAY SCHOOL

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of war wounds for severe infections, especially gas gangrene. Particular attention is given to tube-rating and heat dissipation charts so that the future technicians may know the safe limits of the equipment they are using. Fluoroscopic examinations for the localization of a foreign bodies (bullets and shrapnel) will undoubtedly assume tremendous importance in any shooting engagement, so the graduates of this school should be prepared for this emergency.

Though not a definite objective or requirement in the school, we hope, as instructors, that the basic fundamentals of X-Ray will be ingrained in each student sufficiently deep so that when he leaves the Army, he will be prepared to take and to pass any examination required for civilian X-Ray Technicians who work in hospitals and laboratories on the outside.

SURGICAL SCHOOL

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lent opportunity to gain much knowledge and practical experience.

Men graduating from this course are competent to act as ward masters, supervise dressing rooms and operating rooms, act as surgical assistants and, more important, are competent to train other men in correct surgical procedures. These men will do much to increase the efficiency of their respective units and will be most valuable to their medical officers.

HIGHLY TRAINED MEN

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of work for the others, or even endanger their health by liberating disease producing bacteria.

The school is fortunate to be a part of the Letterman General Hospital, since the close cooperation of the Hospital Laboratory makes it possible to obtain many specimens for demonstration and examination which are not readily available at other installations.

The instructors spend a great deal of time in personal supervision of the students since laboratory methods and the operation of the equipment cannot be readily learned from books alone. Many more hours are required to prepare the material and to grow the bacteria which are used for teaching.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOL

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courses. The instructors have written their own texts, which are mimeographed and supplied to each student to keep as reference after returning to his station. There have been published to date about 30 textbooks, besides approximately 200 lectures and memoranda for instruction purposes.

BRIGADIER GENERAL DE WITT CONGRATULATED



Major General James C. Magee, left, congratulates Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, right, on operation of Technical Service Schools here at Letterman General Hospital.

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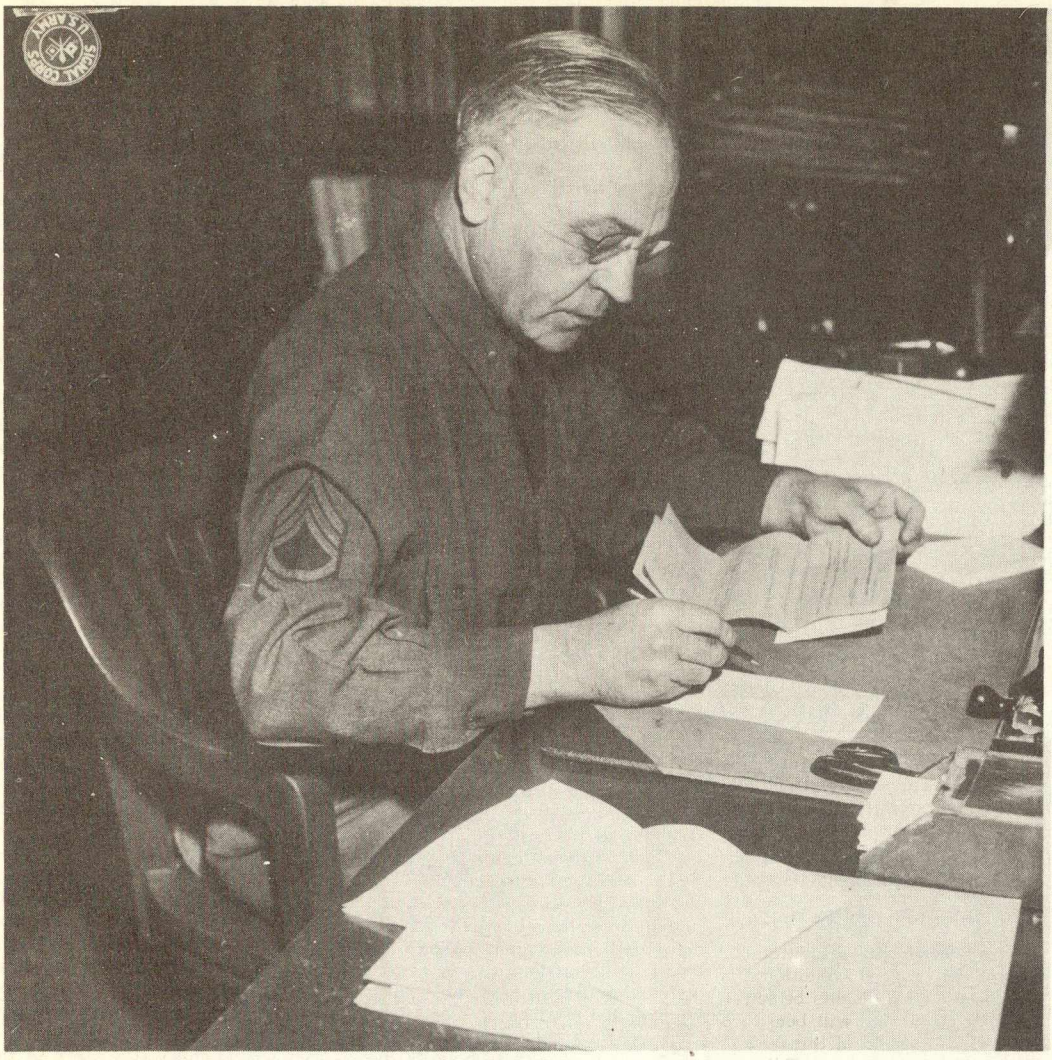
Beneath the spreading chestnut tree
The smith works like the deuce,
For now he's selling gasoline,
Hot dogs, and orange juice!



Capable Sergeants direct office routine of School.

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SERGEANT MAJOR SERVING THIRD TERM AT LETTERMAN



Sergeant Major Lee Inman has been with Army for almost a quarter of a century.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Master Sergeant Lee Inman is Sergeant Major at Letterman Hospital. He not only has a long and impressive record, but also has the distinction of having served as Sergeant Major at Letterman Hospital three different and widely separated times. In his 52 years he has spent nearly half of that time in the service of the Army.

Sgt. Inman was born in 1889 in Berlin, Missouri, and until his eighteenth year lived in that city. When he left Berlin, Missouri, his steps took him to the Golden State which he called home up to the time of his enlistment in the Medical Corps of the Army in February, 1812. He spent most of the following time in the Philippine Islands until the outbreak of the war. Twelve months active duty in France with the 36th Infantry Division was Sgt. Inman's contribution to the part played by America in the War. After his return he served for one year as Sergeant Major at Letterman Hospital.

After a year as Sergeant Major Sergeant Inman married and left the service of the Government for civil life, and in a civilian status was connected with the City government of Santa Cruz until the death of his wife in 1929. With this break in his marital life Sgt. Inman dissolved all civilian ties and again returned to the Army at Letterman where he was enlisted as private. His advancement to Sergeant took place six months later and to Staff Sergeant shortly thereafter. In 1937 he was transferred to the transport service at Fort Mason, California, after which he was returned as Sergeant Major in the Third Medical Regiment which was stationed at Letterman at that time. In January 1940 he was sent to Fort Ord, California, with his outfit and remained there four months, after which his Regiment was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, and Sgt. Inman again returned to the hospital. Once again back at Letterman, Sgt. Inman was appointed Sergeant Major of the hospital in October of 1940 and has remained here in that capacity since that time.

His duties as Sergeant Major are exacting. And of the non-commissioned officers detailed to this post, Sergeant Major Inman faces the greatest responsibility of all of them, because to him falls the duty of seeing that orders of the Office of the Adjutant are conveyed to the various departments concerned expediently and with a minimum of trouble. And Sergeant Major Inman has proved that his past experience makes him capable of that task.

Man—"What kind of a dog is that, my boy?"

Boy—"A police dog."

Man—"He doesn't look like a police dog."

Boy—"Nope. He's in the secret service."

The American Ship of State will never be sunk if we have enough battleships for defense. You can help build them by making a habit of buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

The commercial catch of fish in Alaska during 1940 amounted to 563,687,959 pounds, valued at $10-612,156, according to figures released by the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

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THE OBSERVER SAW

To the editor:
Dear Sir:

We have been reading that old saga that is attributed to Omar the Tentmaker, and it appears to y'rs t'ly that herein we can find a good bit of food for thought.

Ah, make the most of what we yet may spend,
Before we too into the Dust descend;
Dust into Dust, and under Dust, to lie,
Sans Wine, sans Song, sans Singer, and . . . . sans End!

Well, we got to thinking about the hereafter and what kind of a mark we are going to leave on this old globe when we take off. Along about this time comes the thought that if a man can do his job and not cut too many corners—leave out too many items—and more or less hang on to the old "straight and narrow" there need be no fear about making a mark. Rerognition will come naturally.

Wm. P. Anni Onomus

ps: That Eastman Kodak Bear seems to be getting tired of that posture. Why not give him a break and let him see Cpl. Ben again?

WPAO

pps: Only four more months and 15 days to go and we'll be a retired soldier so you can't get away with that Alaska stuff any longer.

WPAO

Mr. Wm. P. Anni Onomus.
Valued Sir:

We note that you are interested in the "hereafter," by which you indicate in your last paragraph (the pps supplement) that "hereafter" means the moment you achieve your "retired" status. This moment furthermore is just four months and 15 days away! It seems to us only natural that you should become interested in this "hereafter." As to Omar and his lovely quatrain, may we add our comment in the following words:

When you descend into the "dust"
If you are good you'll never rust,
Remain as bright as any dollar,
So my friend, why make a holler?
Apologies to Omar

So much for the "dust" episode. Now a word about the "sans" incident.

When your Army days are over,
And you "roll about in clover,"
Friendly "singer" when you dine,
Go easy on the beer and "wine."
Apologies again.

Once again our pen insists:

On the thought of "recognition"
Only keep in good condition,
Let the mind on heights be set,
On your future we will bet.
Greetings, Kind Sir,
Editor.

It is always fair (fishing) weather when good Generals get together!

Major General Magee and Brigadier General DeWitt go after the finny denizens of the briny deep. With such dignitaries on the beach there should be a tidal wave when the fish stand to salute! Frankly we are worried lest in the rush the fish o'er reach themselves and many casualties befall the lot of the smaller fry. In such a case should a game warden be about our Generals might be embarrassed. It might look like a dynamite plot! Really—what could be a finer tribute to us all than to have the Surgeon General of the United States Army and General DeWitt, our able Commandant, indicate to us all that great men may still have the will to play. Great sportsmanship is not inconsistent with great generalship. We are proud of our fishermen. We wish them good luck, both in fish and the pleasures of companionship!

Peerless Picker Of Letterman Offers Best Bets

With the leaves of Fall cluttering up people's back yards and as crisp, chilly days supplant the hot, sultry days of summer, the nation's interest is diverted from "Blitzkrieg" tactics to "T" formations and from the "Reds," "Nazis" and "Fascists" to the "Broncos," "Bears" and "Indians." In short, football is here.

On the Coast last Saturday gridiron fans held on to their seats as Western teams produced one surprise after another.

The Washington "Huskies" dumbfounded the expert by holding Minnesota's mighty squad, supposedly the nation's best, to a 6-14 score.

California's "Bears" used all four teams and the water boy against St. Mary's trying to hold the score down to a respectable total. Result: California 31 - St. Mary's 0.

The "Indians" of Stanford were forced to come from behind twice to defeat a "dark horse" Oregon team 19-15.

On Sunday the Santa Clara "Broncos" ran in the bench to score the last touchdown against a woefully weak U.S.F. squad, 32-7.

With the P.C.C. still in an uproar today's games promise another bucketfull of thrills.

Your best possibilities are:
California to roll over W.S.C.
Washington over O.S.C.
Oregon over Idaho.
Santa Clara to swamp Loyola.
Ohio State to beat U.S.C.
Stanford to dump U.C.L.A.
St. Mary's needs, and gets, a rest.

CAPTAIN KNEIRIM

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around the world in 1935. During this trip it was her good fortune to visit a great many countries and to inspect the sanitary conditions of the different cities therein. She was somewhat depressed by the lack of sanitary developments in many of the cities of French Indo-China and India especially. While in India she visited the Taj Mahal and Delhi, the city where, side by side, is both the old and the new India. She visited Benares and saw the sacred river in which the garbage of the city is deposited, dead are buried, and from which the people get their drinking water. After seeing such conditions the United States was a much more welcome homeland than ever before.

Captain Kneirim reports most favorably concerning the status of nurses in the Army. She says that for the most part they are a very high class group. Army nurses are well trained, the qualifications call for at least a high school education and college work, if it is possible. All Army nurses must satisfy the requirements of national standards for registered nurses. Captain Kneirim reports that the status of rank has greatly improved the social conditions. In the early history of Letterman General Hospital there appeared a report to the effect that the nurses at that time made an especially fine contribution not only to the morale of the hospital but to the efficiency of it. It is obvious to anyone even casually in touch with Letterman today that the loyal, devoted, efficient, untiring nurses on duty here are to be most highly commended for their service to their country. The English language has never yet been able to coin the proper word or even group of words to express the real appreciation so many have for the service rendered by nurses in general and by Army nurses in particular.

Captain Kneirim reports that in her judgment the American Red Cross is to be highly commended for its assistance in helping to develop a group of young women motivated by the proper spirit of service to the point of willingness to take up the work of the Army nurse Most of our Army nurses have been directly or indirectly recruited by the American Red Cross.

We congratulate Captain Kneirim on her excellent record in the Army, on the excellent service that she is rendering here at Letterman.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The football game between University of California and St. Mary's proved quite a popular attraction over the week-end. Some of the fellows seen at the Berkeley game were William L. Walker, Otto Stewart, John T. Young, Albert H. Kachner, and Robert Ransom.

1st Lieutenant Arthur L. Lundblad, instructor of the dental school, played a few rounds of golf over the week-end, at Tilden Park in Berkeley. No information could be ascertained as to the scores of the game. We wonder why?!!

Seems that Private First Class William B. Gambril, of the detachment supply office, has lost all his eagerness and energy for fishing since his old flame returned from Los Angeles.

Staff Sergeant John T. Young, in charge of the supply detachment office, was appointed as acting 1st Sergeant, after that office had been vacated by the sending of Joseph I. Murray to Officers' Candidate School, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Young has had quite a long administrative career in the Medical Corps, and has proven a very capable and dependable man in the supply office. We are certain that with such a fine record behind him, he will prove a very efficient 1st Sergeant.

Wm. B. Gambril, the clerk of the supply detachment, has been supervising the running of the supply until there can be some more help augmented.

Sergeant Wilber (Huff) Selvey, assistant instructor of the laboratory school, is now completing a laboratory extension course at the University of California. Selvey attended U. C. for two years, where he took up pre-medical work.

That "Glamor Kid" of the schools is in the limelight again! Seems that he has a date with those two glamorous beauties for this week-end—the ones with that large Packard. And they are supposed to be going to the Russian river, too! My, Carlson, what would your wife say?!!

There is no education like adversity.

GRAY LADIES-GIVEN CERTIFICATE BY BRIGADIER GENERAL DE WITT

Gray veils have suddenly become a prominent feature of the Letterman landscape. Have you noticed them and been curious at the meaning of the fluttering—and fluttering—head ornaments? There's a story in them—one that begins years ago, just after the World War. It was then that the Gray Ladies,—a group of volunteers of the Red Cross Chapter in Washington, D. C.—were given their own special and identifying name by ex-service men patients in Walter Reed Hospital. It was into that hospital first that there had come a carefully selected group of women, gowned in gray. On their heads were the gray veils that indicated they were members of the Hospital and Recreation Corps—one of the many uniformed divisions of the Volunteer Special Services of the national Red Cross. Their primary responsibility—and pleasure—was that of representing in the hospital the spirit of gracious hospitality, available friendliness and good cheer. For these things their organization was standing in its capacity as "Greatest Mother." For these things they themselves wanted to stand to the hospitalized men whose military duties had taken them out of their home surroundings and away from their own women folks. So began the "Gray Ladies."

As the years have passed, hospitals all over the country, civilian as well as military, have asked for the organization of similar corps within their walls. East, West, North, South—everywhere Gray Ladies are serving the sick and convalescent. Their duties vary somewhat from hospital to hospital. Perhaps most universal is their hostess role. In the recreation halls they do everything that a good hostess does in her home—welcome the shy and the homesick, talk with the boy who is fed up with the companionship of men, play games and let the boys teach them new games or variations of the old, keep a watchful eye on the door as stragglers appear and see that these newcomers adjust happily to the groups that arrived earlier. Sometimes Gray Ladies go into the wards to carry to the patients the same spirit of hospitality and friendliness that the Red Cross has fostered in the recreation centers. Always, the veil, the pin and the uniform typify the Red Cross in action and the wearer's acceptance of its ideals.

This is the background of Gray Lady service known and loved by the Gray Ladies—15 in number—who acquired their veils on September 26, in graduation exercises in the Recreation Center at Letterman.

The exercise followed the completion of a training course of 16 lectures, given by representatives of the Army and the Red Cross, and were participated in only by those candidates for the Corps who had satisfactorily completed 40 hours of supervised probationary work within Letterman recreation halls. As General DeWitt handed a certificate to each member of the graduating class, the new Gray Lady became identified with a group here which already has a tradition of its own of five years of faithful and valued service at Letterman. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, the Letterman Corps participated actively in the Red Cross recreation program.

Consisting at present of five graduates of the class of 1937, the 15 new graduates who donned their veils last week, and of some ten or more applicants for Gray Lady memberships, who must serve without veils until they complete their requirements for full membership, the Corps is a vital part of our hospital. Although it works under the immediate direction and supervision of the local Red Cross office, Miss Lovell, Field Director, in charge, and Miss McCullough, Recreation Worker, it is nevertheless an integral unit of the San Francisco Red Cross Chapter's Volunteer Special Services and looks for guidance and support to Mrs. Raymond Phelps, Chairman of the Gray Lady Corps of San Francisco, and Mrs. Ambrose Diehl, San Francisco Chairman of the Volunteer Special Services. It was Mrs. Diehl who gave the address at the recent graduation exercsies here, and thereby welcomed the new Corps members into the larger fellowship of Red Cross volunteers.

We of the professional Red Cross staff at Letterman speak for Letterman personnel in its entirety when we too say, "Welcome!" to the following new members of the Gray Lady Corps:

Mrs. Fred Butcher, Mrs. M. Christie, Mrs. O. E. Edlund, Mrs. Arthur Friedberg, Mrs. F B Griffith, Mrs. John Harden, Mrs. R. Karelle, Mrs. M. McBride, Mrs. G. Ongerth, Mrs. Popert, Mrs. George Simon, Mrs. O. Tadlock, Mrs. M. L Wooley, Miss Mary Weil, Mrs Yearsley.



Brigadier General DeWitt presenting Grey Ladies with certificates.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

New industrial plants and expansions to existing ones authorized since the beginning of the defense program number 2,082, government statisticians estimate, and their cost will aggregate $3,549,770,000.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By Chaplain Burling

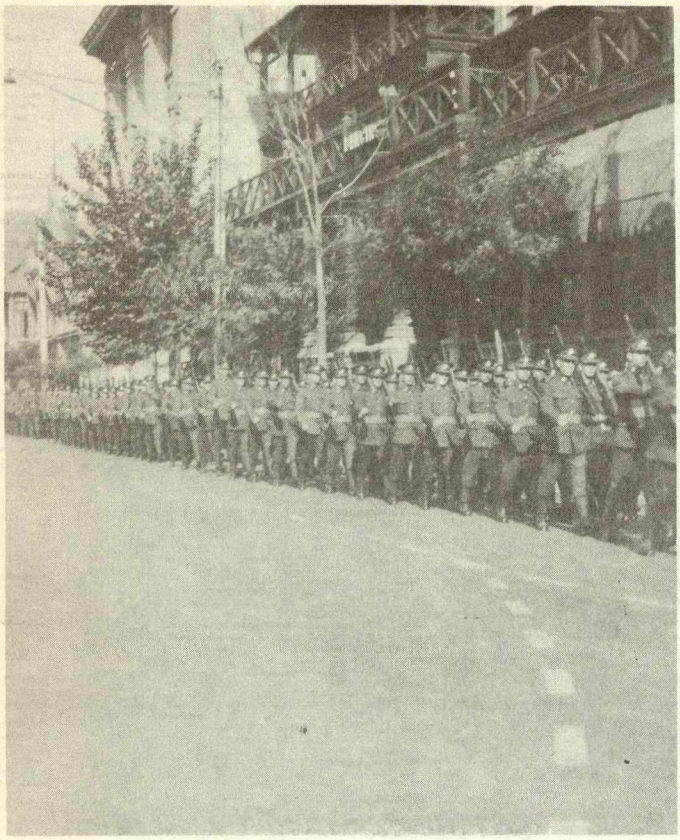
No ideal is dearer to the heart of the American people than that of religious liberty. It consists in the right of freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, none criticising, or making afraid.

There is a great comfort in this, as well as a corresponding danger. The satisfaction is obvious. The danger is not so apparent. Religious liberty often results in religious lapse, and is interpreted by some to mean that one is justified in not worshopping at all.

Religious liberty as a concept, connotes religious obligation, not necessarily to worship here or there, but to worship somewhere. It recognizes man's religious nature, which must find means of satisfaction, expression and exercise. Those who demand religious liberty, should at least practice religion.

Four major savings are featured by the CP gas range—savings in fuel, foor, time, and money.

CHURCH GOING IN CHINA



Sgt. Young, who directs the instruments that enable the bed patients to hear the programs during the week and the Sunday Service, incidentally, at 9 a. m. Sunday morning, presents us with a picture of church going in dear old China. The picture has its encouraging features. Look at it, will you? A whole regiment of British Tommies going to church! "Pretty good," we say. "But," says the Sergeant, "note that the British always carry fixed bayonets on going to church." Why do they carry fixed bayonets when they go to church? Here the Sergeant gave me a sly look and replied somewhat thoughtfully, "So as to be ready for any eventuality." No danger, we hope! "Why then?" Were they nervous about Satan and the bayonets were an added protection? Maybe a few M.P.'s here at Letterman with rifles and bayonets stationed about might insure more courage for some timid souls. Perhaps the British Chaplains were more pointed in discussing the matter of evil spirits.

MOUNTAIN GOATS COMING DOWN



Colonel Foster leaves for a hunting trip to bag the much sought, hard to get mountain goats. The nearest some of us ever came to seeing one even was the one painted on Great Northern boxcars. We made a few suggestions to the Colonel that should aid him in bringing home the bacon. First, we suggested that he have an airplane fly over the mountains with a bale of hay attached to the tailpiece. This should encourage the goat to go where the hunters can more easily see them. Of course, we have cautioned the Colonel to look sharp for in a drizzle a good old fashioned donkey could be mistaken for a goat. After all, spikes are more a matter of color than anything else. We have encouraged the Colonel to take a battery of mountain howitzers for fouling pieces. If the goats follow the plane with the hay, then in yelling out instructions to the goats they should be addressed as follows: "Hay there." That should get them. "Rapport" is the better word.

P.S. Maybe the Colonel is after antelope instead of goats, in which case aforesaid instructions on how to "get 'em" still obtains.

P.P.S. If the Colonel is in a "talking mood" when he gets back we will try and report the results of the trip.

Flash! The Colonel got one—in a flash! Mule-tail deer—big one—see next issue.

Chaplains on Leave To Return To the South

In answer to inquiries as to their whereabouts, Chaplains Lloyd E. Langford and Charles E. Brown, Jr., who are on leave are expected to rejoin the 30th Infantry Regiment this week. According to Chaplain Delmar L. Dyreson, who is handling the 30th Infantry at present, during maneuvers one chaplain was attached to each battalion, since Chaplains Brown and Langford joined the regiment in April. The 30th Infantry chaplains now have offices just off the lobby at the post Y. M. C. A.

Robert C. Block Wins Rifle Shoot

Company "L," of the 30th Infantry, announces that Robert O. Block won the first prize of $6.00 in recent rifle competition. Charles H. Oleson was the second place winner of $4.00, and La Verne G. Crister, third place of $2.00.

THE BOSTON SHORT-LINE

A Boston lady informs us that the best way to see the world is to go to———yes, to go to "Boston." She no longer worries about planes, trains and ships since she is "there." Sounds a little like New England doesn't it?

STARTING FROM SCRATCH WITH A BUM START

There was a young man from Dakar,
Who was traveled much in box car,
For companions had he,
Both and cootie and flea,
Contented were they, as could be.

Flying Club Plans Revealed Here

All members of the detachment who would be interested in forming a flying club please contact Corporal Reed in the Receiving Office or Pfc. Wright in the Baggage Room. The intention is to acquire use of a light plane so members may fly at greatly reduced rates. Now all you guys that wouldn't mind getting both feet off the ground at the same time please think this over. Private flying is the greatest sport in the world and we promise you the cost won't be prohibitive.

THE FOG HORN

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AIR CORPS TO TRAIN MEN AS NAVIGATORS

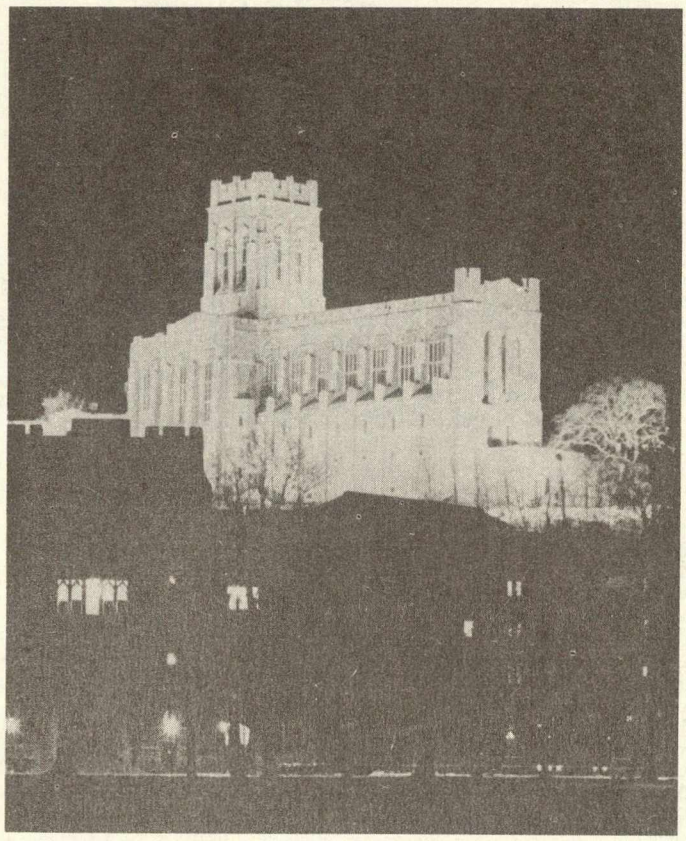
Applications are being received at the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, Washington, D. C., for non-pilot training of Aviation Cadets, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Approximately 1000 Aviation Cadets are desired for training as Aerial Navigators in each of the months of October, November, and December, Corps Area Headquarters was notified by the War Department. Persons otherwise qualified but who do not have the visual acuity required of pilots or who are not interested in pilot training will be eligible. The minimum visual acuity required for navigators is a Snellen test 20/40 in both eyes, correctable to 20/20 with glasses.

Candidates must meet the general requirements for appointment as Aviation Cadets; that is, they must be unmarried male citizens of the United States, between 20 and 26 years old, of good character, sound physique, and excellent health. First priority will be given to graduates of accredited colleges who have engineering degrees. Second priority will be given to graduates of accredited colleges who have had plane geometry, college algebra, and trigonometry; those who have had analyticla geometry, spherical trigonometry, and differential and integral calculus are preferred. Third priority will be given to applicants who have completed two years of accredited college work with the mathematics mentioned under the second priority classification. Consideration will be given to the quality of the applicant's college scholastic record.

The training as "Navigator" is designed to qualify candidates as navigator-gunner members of combat

(Continued on page eight)



West Point's beautiful chapel, shown lighted from exterior at night.

Letterman Soldiers To Go on Reserve List

From the Detachment Office at Letterman Hospital comes the announcement that on October 10 eight men from this Detachment will be placed on the Reserve list. They are: Corporals Maurice A. Melford, Jack P. Gabriel, and Patrick D. Wilds; Privates First Class Gorden E. Dahlgren, Frederick E. Matthias; and Privates Everett H. Berry, Richard S. Brown, and Paul A. Koski.

That Viking Spirit

They tell a story in Norway about a boy who was looking at the famous Viking ship in the Outdoor Museum at Bygd, near Oslo, when some German officers came in to look around. They were much impressed by the well-preserved old craft and emitted many a "Wunderbar" and "Donnerwetter!"

"So you like our Viking ship, do you?" queried the lad.

"Yes, it is magnificent."

"Well, we used to take England every spring with such boats."

EXAMINATIONS TO SELECT MEN FOR WEST POINT

Examinations to select eleven enlisted men from the Regular Army and eight from the National Guard as candidates for appointment as cadets at the United States Military Academy will be held at posts throughout the Ninth Corps Area, beginning Monday, December 1, 1941, it was announced today at the headquarters of Brigadier General Arthur W. Lane, Commanding General of the Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

The men selected will compete in the regular West Point entrance examination to be held in March, 1942, against candidates from other Corps Areas, Departments, and similar Army commands, for the actual appointments. Those selected by the Corps Area examinations will be sent to the Ninth Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at Fort Winfield Scott, California, on or about January 1, 1942.

Any enlisted man in the Regular Army or National Guard assigned to a unit stationed in the Ninth Corps Area is eligible to compete for candidacy. He must have enlisted, volunteered, or been inducted prior to July 1, 1941, have served one year and be between 19 and 22 years old on July 1, 1942. Health and physical qualifications are those prescribed for entrance to the Military Academy. Candidates must have formal education equivalent to four years at high school and be of good moral character.

Applications for admission to competition for candidacy are submitted so as to reach post commanders not later than October 31. The mental examination will begin the first Monday in December and will comprise a four-hour examination in each of the following subjects: Algebra; Grammar, Composition, English and American Literature; Plane Geometry; Ancient and American History.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Information Office staff is especially sorry the World's Series has ended. They wish to thank Miss Dorothy Thompson of the telegraph office for the cigarettes she sent them during the series.

Pvt. Guss of the Information Office accepted an assignment he could not fill. A visitor called with her three-year-old daughter to visit her son who was a patient in ward "G." Pvt. Guss volunteered to watch the child while the mother visited the patient. The young lass proved too much for Pvt. Guss who changed his mind after watching her for 10 minutes and sent a hurry S.O.S. call to Pvt. Crowe to "take over."

The Receiving Office's own Pvt. Mason is a business man. He acquired a contract for painting a house, and put some of the fellows who owe him money to work painting it at a reputed 40 cents per hour until their obligations to Mason were settled. However, 40 cents per hour does not conform with the Union Wage Scale and Pvt. Mason is now faced with the problem of assuaging the Union some way.

Corporal Pat Wilds, who is being placed on the Reserve list next Friday, announces that he will be married November 17 to Miss Virginia Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lewis, of Hoisington, Kan. Miss Lewis will be accompanied by her brother, John Henry Lewis, and will fly to Los Angeles where they will meet Pat for the marriage cere- St. Clemens Church, Ocean Park. They will honeymoon at Catalina Island.

Sgt. Bell of the E. & R. office asks that a notice of the Enlisted Men's dance be listed in this column. The dance will be held on October 17 at the Letterman Club, and the music will be furnished by Clarence Frank and his Knickerbockers, who formerly played for the tea dances at the Palace Hotel.

We wonder: If Pvt. Hargraves is really sorry he can't go to Los Angeles with Sgt. Bell.

Who will be Pvt. "Doc" Madsen's billiard partner when Corp. Pat Wilds leaves? Those are going to prove big shoes to fill.

If Sgt. Gustafson's new suit and increased monetary allowance are really being wasted. I can imagine something petite, dark and mighty sweet to go with that combination you now sport, Gus.

LT. COL. PAUL H. STREIT INTRODUCED HERE



—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Lt. Col. Paul H. Streit seated at his desk.

Lt. Col. Paul H. Streit, Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section was born at Seguin, Texas, on March 18, 1891. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston where he was graduated in 1916. He served his internship at the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston. He was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in July, 1917, he had a six months course at the University of Bordeaux under Dr. John Moore, the internationally known professor of ear, nose and throat procedure. In July of 1919 Colonel Streit was the Surgeon and the Commanding Officer of the War Brides Camp at Brest where some 5,000 brides were awaiting transportation to the United States. The highlight of his tour of duty here was the role of conciliator and referee in a multiple difference of opinion arising between fifty English war brides temporarily at Brest and the group representing the daughters of France. Although there was plenty of excitement at this time there were no casualties since the only brickbats thrown were of the verbal variety.

In November, 1919, Colonel Streit was sent to Poland with the Typhus Relief Expedition and served there for one year with headquarters at Vilna. In November, 1920, he was ordered to Coblenz and assigned to the station hospital with the Army of Occupation. In April, 1921, he returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. After a year there he was moved to the Army Medical School for the usual course. From 1923 to 1925 he was at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. He later took a year's course at the New York Post Graduate Hospital and the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary for one year. On completion of his studies he was ordered to the Army Dispensary at Washington, D. C. where he remained for three years. In the summer of 1929 he was ordered to the Philippines where he was chief of the ear, nose and throat service at Sternberg General Hospital for two years. He next was assigned to Fort Leavenworth where he remained four years followed by a three year tour of duty at the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In 1938 he was ordered to Letterman General Hospital where he has remained to date.

On September 15, 1926, Colonel Streit was married to Metta Miller Megeath. They have two children, John Paul, 13, and Metta Elizabeth, 8. Colonel Streit has been a certified member of the American Board of Otolaryngology. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons for many years.

Sounds Wacky—But Only in U. S. Can The Dead Speak

This one comes by way of Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Hocker, of Fourth Army G-2 Headquarters. During the maneuvers just finished up in Washington, two soldiers, stationed with white flags by a bridge for demolition identification, were approached by a lady, driving an automobile. One of the men stationed there said:

"You can't cross this bridge, lady, it has just been blown up." With an astonished look the lady turned to the other soldier and asked:

"Is that right?"

The other soldier replied: "I can't tell you, lady, I've been dead four days."

SURE ENOUGH

"Is this a good place for rheumatism? '

"It be that, zur, Oi got mine 'ere."

GENERAL CORLETT HONORED HERE



Brigadier General Charles H. Corlett was honored here on Saturday when the 30th Infantry, commanded entirely by its non-commissioned officers, passed in review on Crissy Field as a farewell salute to the General. General Corlett was recently promoted in accordance with the War Department's policy of placing young and able officers in key army positions. A graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1913, his first assignment was with the 30th Infantry, then in Alaska. His long and active military career has included attendance at the Army's Command and General Staff School, the Army War College, and four years in the General Staff Corps. In his farewell speech to the troops General Corlett praised the 30th Infantry for its splendid work and expressed regret in having to leave so fine a command.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Lettermen Men Aroused with Casaba Desire

Along with the advent of Fall, and hand in hand with football, the active interest in basketball resumes. Letterman's failure in past years to produce a basketball team of competitive caliber has ruffled the potential Post athletes enough to warrant an organization in an effort to produce a good maple court squad.

With plenty of good material and a promise of real competition, prospects are a good deal more than dim.

This season, unlike past years, the squad will be managed by an officer, namely, 1st Lt. T. A. Broderick, now on duty in the Out Patient Service. All game dates and property, along with the personnel of the team, will be directly under his supervision.

Regular practice is now under way at the Presidio Y.M.C.A. every Monday night at 6:30, and at the Marina Junior High School Gymnasium, every Wednesday night at 6:45.

To date the turnouts have consisted of eight to ten men, however, as there will be a place for ten or twelve men on the squad all men of the Medical Detachment, Quartermaster Detachment, and the permanent staff of the Professional Service School are welcome to try out for the squad. Those men who are interested are asked to contact Sergeant Bell in the E. & R. Office.

Boogy—Do you know what one little toe said to the other little toe?

Woogy—No, what?

Booby—Don't look now, but I think we are being followed by a couple of heels.

Heck—What were you and your wife quarreling about?

Peck—Well, she said a certain girl was beautiful, and I made the mistake of agreeing with her.

COLONEL FOSTER GETS A MULE-TAIL BUCK

He has a picture to show for it. Incidentally it will not be long before finger prints will be taken in connection with game licenses. This will call for a little social machinery. Someone will have to accompany the hunter and take the buck's thumb print. Then the hunter will have to be fingerprinted and then too there will have to be a picture of the finger print on the trigger at the time of shooting. A supervisor will have to accompany the expedition to check up on the finger print artist. Hunting in America bids fair to rival tiger hunting in India where the whole Province turns out, election fashion, to help drive the tiger into the end of the hunter's rifle barrel.

But we are off the Colonel's story. The mule tail was a big one. The spread of the horns of this buck was one of the causes for his undoing. The fact is that the buck was not able to get through the trees. His horns got caught in the Redwoods. It was a case of a traffic jam. The Colonel happened along and got the speeding buck's number.

Seriously, any Army Colonel that can see and hold on a buck—400 yards away—and drop him like a pile driver, deserves our admiration. Were there more Colonels like that in the Army there would be a higher range score for the entire regiment!

Incidentally Colonel Foster belongs to the Veterinary Corps.

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EDITORIAL COLUMN

The following Resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist convention at Birmingham, Alabama, is a refreshing expression at a time like this:

"We declare our abhorrence of war and all its insanity and brutality. We are a peace-loving people and we know of no issues, national or international, which could not be settled in fairness and equity by the orderly processes of civilized society if only the leaders of the nations were willing to practice the principles of justice, truth, and righteousness. But, unfortunately, men of evil mind and ungodly heart sometimes gain control within a nation, or nations, and with cruel and deadly intent thrust war upon the world. Such men at the present time have criminally conspired to impose their antisocial, antichristian, and antihuman wills upon much of the world. If these men are allowed to attain their announced world-wide aims and goals, then many of the values which we esteem more precious than life itself will be lost and the world will be immeasurably impoverished socially, politically, culturally and spiritually. We declare our belief that some things are worth dying for; and if they are worth dying for, they are worth defending even unto the death. Among these are liberty, under the law, that sacred shrine called home, wives and children, the honor of one's country, and, last but not least, freedom of worship."

THE OBSERVER SAW

Staff Sgt. RUE B. MASTERSON enjoying the "pause that refreshes" in the Grill one morning. His company seemed to be refreshing also.

In last week's "Fog Horn" where the Sergeant Major joined the army in 1812. Probably a mistake.

A patient with a candid camera sneaking a shot of the clerical staff of the Red Cross at work. When the flash went off it almost scared the girls out of their —— well, it scared them.

Lieut. JACK HUGHES looking none the worse for his recent marital adventure. Please note—we wrote marital, not martial. We hope.

Our youthful Chief Nurse, Miss DOROTHY ZELLER, with a nice coat of tan acquired at Carmel. And maybe a few freckles.

Staff Sgt. FRED OVERBY proudly displaying the warrant advancing him to that grade.

Overheard Miss ANGELA COSTELLO, clerical aide to the Principal Chief Nurse, denying she is Irish. Seems as though she celebrates St. Patrick's Day on October 12.

At Kezar Stadium before the football game last week a lieutenant in full uniform working as a drum major for the post band from Moffett Field. Tie that!

ORDNANCE

The $50,000,000 ordnance works at Radford, Virginia, is now operating at full blast and will soon attain a maximum production of 300,000 pounds of smokeless powder daily. Construction of the plant was begun in September 1940, and initial production started March 14, 1941. Until that time, the total powder production of the nation was 50,000 pounds daily.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

He spent several days fishing and presented his landlady with enough fish to supply the whole boarding house. At the end of the week his bill included the item:

"Lard (for frying fish)—Is. 6d."

WE ARE NOT AMUSED

Stranger—"What time do you empty his box at night?'

Rural Postman—"Now you have asked me something! I've been on this round for six months and never knowed there was a box there."

Large Group from Here Attend School Held at Stanford

A number of the officers from the medical and surgical service of Letterman General Hospital attended the post-graduate medical courses given at the Stanford Medical School from September 8 to 13, 1941.

Most popular courses were those in medical diagnosis and cardiology. Emphysis was placed particularly on the newer work in vitamin therapy, particularly as related to liver disease, ulcerative colitis, the diarrhoeas, and the blood diseases. One session was devoted to a complete review of the sulfonamide drugs.

The course in traumatic surgery was given at the San Francisco County Hospital. This consisted in a complete review of the modern treatment of fractures, tendon injuries, and burns.

The course in urology was a complete review of the common urological diseases, and particularly stressing the management of urinary calculi, and pathological conditions of the prostate gland.

The lectures on tumors was a thorough review of tumors, particularly malignant tumors as they occur in all systems of the body. Stress was placed on diagnosis of these tumors, and the treatment by radiological methods. One lecture of particular interest was on electro-encephalography in which new experimental work in the localization of intra-cranial tumors was presented.

In addition to the regularly sceduled courses a series of three lectures was given at the night session. These were on physiotherapy, behavior problems in pediatric practice and on industrial medicine.

Officers attending were: Major O. S. Horbaugh, Captain William H. Ice, Captain Alfred J. Schwarz, Lieutenant Clinton A. Tavares, Lieutenant Arden R. Hedge.

Hospital Visitation

Circular Letter No. 236, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, has a paragraph of interest to the brethren of the cloth in this vicinity. We quote:

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Communications reaching this office emphasize the value of hospital visitation. Hospital chaplains are on duty at the larger hospitals, but this does not alter the fact that when a soldier is sick he would welcome a visit from his own chaplain. Personal contact can be made at this time which will be invaluable in the future.

The most effective help which a civilian can give to Uncle Sam is to buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps as often as possible.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY
October 12, 1941

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theatre:
Evening Song Service 6:00 a. m.

The attitude of the Father of our Country toward profanity is indicated by the classic order issued by General George Washington to the Continental Army in 1776:

'The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American Army, is growing into fashion; he hopes the officers will, by example as well as by influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hopes of the blessing of heaven on our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly; added to this it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character, detests and despises it."

Excellent Care Given Retired in Army Hospital

We are pleased to announce that we continue to receive reports from our retired personnel showing the excellent treatment accorded to them as patients in Letterman General Hospital and also at other Army and Navy centers.

We have always found considerate treatment and care extended to the aged and disabled retired veteran in our Army and Navy hospitals and the rare reports that we receive to the contrary have, upon investigation, been found invariably to have been the fault of the protestant.

We are, therefore, pleased to extend our felicitations and thanks to General DeWitt, commanding at Letterman General Hospital, and also to the medical corps officers everywhere whose consideration to the retired personnel is more than appreciated.

(Reprinted from National Defense)



We welcome to the Army Nurse Corps:

Marjory Lawson, whose home is in Oakland, Calif. She graduated from Oakland High School and took her professional training at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, specializing in Surgery and Supervision. She has lived most of her life all over Canada and lived in England for two years as a child. For pleasure she swims, hikes and enjoys book reviews. This is her first assignment as an Army Nurse.

Anne Harmon, who comes from Inglewood, Calif. She went to college and training school in Seattle, Wash., specializing in Supervision. For sport she enjoys bowling. For a hobby she is collecting a library featuring biographies. Her favorite author is Hackett. She also plays the piano.

Eileen Holtzen, who is a San Francisco girl and went to Galileo High school. From there she went to San Mateo Junior College, and graduated from St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, following which she went on private duty. During the year 1925 she lived in England, then five months in New York City. She has traveled a great deal. For sports she enjoys dancing and swimming, and for a hobby reads non-fiction. She also drives an automobile!

Emily Eskuche, whose home is in Tracy, Calif. She was born in Seattle, Wash. Following her graduation from the French Hospital in San Francisco she worked for eight months in Stockton, Calif. Her hobbies are dancing, traveling and reading.

Dots—Don't you think I show distinction in my clothes?

Jimmy—Well, —er, that is, I think distinctly would be a better word.

Grandma—No, Eleanor, not another story tonight.

Little Eleanor—Well, then, Grandma, just tell me about your operation.

Mrs. Jabber—My husband certainly does enjoy smoking in his den. Does your husband have a den?

Mrs. Gabley—No, he growls all over the house.

BRIGHT COLLEGE YEARS

"I feel tired. I've been getting along on only two hours of sleep a day."

"Only two hours a day? How can you manage?"

"I take the rest at night."

MASTER SERGEANT JAMES C. VAUGHN



Master Sergeant Vaughh, 16 years in Army.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Most people will agree that the non-commissioned officers are the backbone of the Army and a very important vertebra of our local organization is Master Sergeant James C. Vaughn. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, on December 6, 1905, and enlisted in the Army at Baltimore in 1925. His first station was Letterman General Hospital which he joined in August, 1925, where he remained until 1928 when he was transferred to the Army Transport Service with home port at Brooklyn. After six years on the East Coast he came back to Letterman in 1934.

Sergeant Vaughn was assigned to the Police and Personnel Section of the hospital for duty and stayed with that activity for the past seven years, the last four of which have found him in charge of the Section.

The chevrons of a Sergeant were given him in 1931 and he became a Staff Sergeant in 1936. In September, 1940, he was promoted to Technical Sergeant and reached the grade of Master Sergeant—the pinnacle of the non-commissioned ranks—in December, 1940.

Sergeant Vaughn married Margaret Peterson of San Francisco in 1933. They have no children.

Last year American airplane, propeller and engine manufacturers spent more than $15,000,000 in research to make planes safer and faster, and this year's bill will be higher. While the aviation industry has stepped into mass production with a goal of 50,000 planes a year, it is not neglecting quality.

In order to give the men of the Navy Varsity squad an idea of what they have to look forward to during the coming football season, Major E. E. Larson, USMC, head coach, has been going over the movies of last year's games with Columbia, Notre Dame, Penn, and William and Mary college. Coach Larson feels that the men will benefit a great deal from the study of these pictures.

The Department of Commerce acts as a clearing house for information concerning market research studies in American universities.

Woolen textile production in Argentina this year sis expected to reach record levels, the Department of Commerce says.

One two-billionth part of the energy radiated by the sun reaches the earth Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce says.

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"Dear Sir:

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Now tell me what boy wouldn't want to stay in the Army with all that to think about?

Sincerely yours,
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Expenditures this year on new construction will total about 10 billion dollars, the Department of Commerce reports.

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One of our ubiquitous camera fiends snapped the above photo of a well known local attorney and passed it along for what it might be worth to the paper. We studied the photo and noticed first of all the hand of the lawyer in HIS pocket. A welcome change from the traditional member of the bar who seems to have his hand always in OUR pocket. Next we noted a newspaper outside of the brief case: an indication of legal papers inside the brief case and it probably means this attorney had a few cases to claim his attention. We once knew a barrister who always carried a whole Sunday edition of the newspapers in his brief case. Gave him an important appearance — so he thought. At the moment our good friend is confined to quarters by reason of ill health but we eagerly look for his early return and will rather enjoy his laying down the law to us.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Colorful History Surrounds Old Mint Building in S. F.

The story of the Old Mint Building in San Francisco is a part of the colorful history of the building of the West. When gold was discovered in 1849, gold-seekers flocked to San Francisco, gateway to the gold fields. Within a few years a mint was found necessary to coin the gold that was gushing forth from the seemingly unending store in the hills of California and Nevada. A site was selected and in 1854 the building was completed. However, by 1867 it was reported to the Treasury Department that this building was "entirely unfit for the purpose," so the site for a second and new mint was purchased at the corner of Fifth and Mission streets for a price of $100,000.

The Supervising Architect, in a report concerning the plans said, "No pains have been spared to make it, when complete, not only the finest and best constructed building on the Pacific Coast, but the best arranged mint in the world." The building was completed in 1874 at a cost of $2,128,924.37. The basement walls are faced with Rocklin granite and the upper walls are of British Columbia bluestone. The Mint was the main structure in the financial empire of the West. Prior to 1920, over $1,467,000,000 in twenty, ten, and two and one-half dollar gold pieces had been minted. In addition, the mint contracted to coin money for Central American and Pacific Island countries.

At the time of the fire in 1906, the Mint contained some $20,000,000 in coin and bullion, and for seven hours its employes, reinforced by regular soldiers, fought off the besieging flames on all sides, and more than once retreated to the lower stories before the fire spent itself and the building was pronounced out of danger. The Old Mint Building is now one of the few surviving landmarks of the fire, all other structures for many blocks south of it having been destroyed by fire or partially so.

Progress overtook the Mint Building and in 1937 it was no longer used for the coining of money. A new building was constructed and the building on Fifth and Mission streets came to be known as the "Old Mint Building." Today, it stands, simple but stately, regally magnificent with all the imposing grandeur of a Roman palace. Time has mellowed the building, giving it added dignity as it now occupies a location which is in the center of the metropolitan shopping district of San Francisco. It is used as a Federal office building.

Cat Population Proves Puzzle To Service Men

It has not been determined at a late date whether a katnapping or a desertion has taken place among the family of Mrs. Tabby Katz—Ward B-2. According to Sgt. Goldstein of the Hospital Police Personnel and his two assistants Pfcs. Asano and Copland, who are in charge of the transfer of all L. G. H. cats to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a late census of Mrs. Katz' kittens have applied themselves in their mousing lessons or whether one of the kittens has heard of the new transfer plans and decided it was time to leave home is a matter of conjecture. At any rate one is gone.

New orders have recently been issued transferring all members and families of the Feline Sharp Shooters Corps to the S. P. C. A. Four T.R.A.PS. stations have been established at the hospital and Sgt. Goldstein reports that registration has been good up to this point—though he states that at the present time no member of the Tabby Katz family is listed on the books.

"The matter of the kitten being missed, whether strayed or stolen, does not involve this department," states Sgt. Goldstein, "except it certainly makes a heap o'work for me."

Mrs. Katz seemed particularly unperturbed about the whole matter.

NEW SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

The Social Service staff at this hospital has been augmented by the appointment of Miss Barbara A. White, who assumed her duties on September 23 as a Medical Social Service Worker.

Miss White is a native of Petaluma and a graduate of the University of California, class of 1937. She also took post-graduate work at the same university during the years of 1937 and 1938.

Before coming to Letterman Miss White was three years with the State Relief Administration and later with the Public Welfare Department of San Francisco.

WHATZIS

Solomon said "all men are liars." Soloman was a man, therefore he must be a liar too. So, if he is a liar, his statement that all men are liars is not true. If, then, all men are not liars, Solomon being a man is not a liar, therefore his statement must be true, but if it is true, then Solomon, being a man,—Oh shux, this is where I came in.

Prof. Puzzlewit

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Pvt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy has been discharged from treatment at the hospital following an operation for appendicitis. He has been granted a 15-day furlough which he will spend visiting his brother in San Diego.

A helpful addition to the clerical staff in the office of the First Sergeant is Miss Gail Zwicker. The young lady has caught on to Army paper work very quickly and turns out as much work as any old timer.

Our Sergeant Major, Charles H. Reuther, spent the week-end at his home in the Twin Peaks sector. The leisure hours were employed in the garden with profit to him and benefit to the plants.

St. Sgt. William H. Sink and Sgt. Herman R. Knoller have been transferred from the Hospital detachment to our side of the wide lawn. Sink has been given charge of the supply office while Knoller becomes chief charge of quarters. Assignments for which they are fitted by previous experience.

Sergeant Howard B. Dow is enjoying his status as a patient, according to reports reaching us.

Sergeant Paul A. Wright has left on a 15-day furlough which will take him as far as Beaver, Oklahoma, for a visit with his parents.

S. F. Newspaper Staging Photo Contest for Men

A photography contest, for members of the Nation's defense forces has been announced by The Hobby Guild of America, 34 West Thirty-third Street, New York City. Officers as well as the personnel of the Army, Navy, and Marine forces will be eligible to compete.

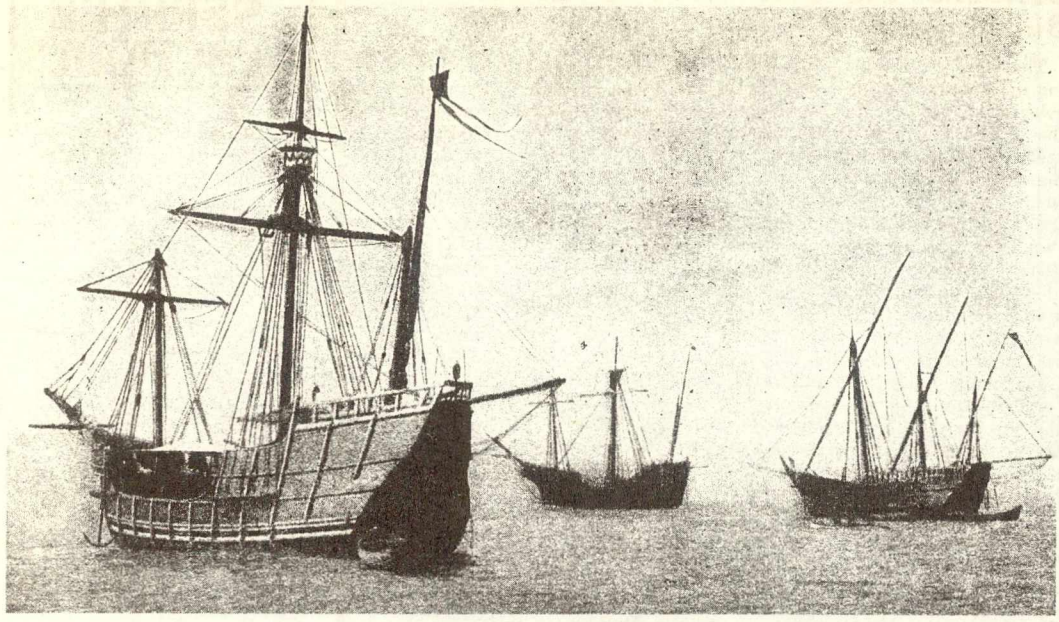
The subjects to be photographed are to portray life at camp or at sea, training maneuvers or recreation. Humorous aspects may be included.

The prizes include: First prize, $25; second prize, $15; third prize, $10; fourth to tenth prizes, $2.50 each.

The closing date for all entries is November 1.

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America—The Undiscovered Country



PINTA SANTA MARIA NINA

Reproductions of the vessels of Columbus' fleet as they appeared in New York waters during the Columbian Celebration of 1892.

"In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue—"

There is little doubt that he did and that he and his men landed on some of our West Indian bases—somewhere about the Carribean. It was a grand exploit! No one can ever speak highly enough of Columbus for this achievement. This was done in the face of common sense prejudice. Common sense is always committed to a flat earth interpretation of geography. Frankly we do not see how Columbus ever did it. It is one of the wonders of the world. He was not only a navigator, a thinker, he was a salesman!

Soloman once observed that in his experience there was "nothing new under the sun." Strange but true that some of our most unique discoveries and ideas are not new. They were the property of minds in other lands and in other ages. Most everything that is new today was discussed by Aristotle of old in his Seminar! Well, this was true about the discovery of Columbus. America had been discovered before.

The Norsemen had done it 500 years before Columbus. They did a good job of it also. We join the Swedes, Danes and Norwegians in their pride for their hardy adventurous mariners.

Then there were the Irish. Tradition has it that the Irish discovered Americ a. What happened after the event we are not sure—perhaps they just got homesick for the "ould sod" and shipped back home. Very likely that is it.

The Chinese discovered America but naked savages served to indicate a poor laundry business so they went home on the next boat. In this connection what is more authentic and more interesting is the fact that the Redwoods, those superb trees, also discovered America. Their original home was China but they spread by forestation colonies all about the fringe of islands, the Aleutians, till they came down from Alaska to British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California. It is just possible that of all the discoverers of America the Redwoods did the best job for we owe much of our climate, rainfall and progress to these sturdy pioneers. We conclude our survey then by saying that America has been discovered slightly by Columbus, Erickson, the Chinese, and the Irish but they found little here. The Redwoods did a better job. They did not come to exploit but to build. It is just possible when one thinks of the real possibilities of freedom, of truth, of a home for great people interested in the great varieties of life, that America has not yet been discovered. We are still waiting for the real Columbus, the real Erickson, the real pioneer of a new age.

PSYCHOLOGY

Anyone interested in the study of Psychology and its various angles desiring to participate in occasional discussions and class work are requested to register with Mrs. Williams, the librarian, who will explain this idea.

MISS BEEDLES TRANSFERRED TO FORT LAWTON

Chief Nurse Elizabeth M. Beedles, Army Nurse Corps, who for the past several months has been Acting Assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse at this hospital, left on October 1 for her new station at Fort Lawton, Washington, where she will assume the duties of Chief Nurse at that Post.

Miss Beedles is a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, where she made her professional training at Lawrence General Hospital. She entered the Army five days after her graduation in 1918 and was a Reserve Nurse until 1920. In 1921 she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army, and has served continuously on active duty since that time.

Miss Beedles was promoted to Chief Nurse on December 1, 1940, and remained at Letterman Hospital until her recent assignment to Fort Lawton.

HE'LL BE A GENERAL

Sergeant—What is the first thing to do when cleaning a rifle?

Private—Look at the number.

Sarge—And what has that to do with it?

Buck—To make sure I'm cleaning my own gun.

Wifey—I wonder if I'll ever live to be a hundred?

Hubby—Not if you remain much longer, dear. 40

Peerless Prognosticator Gives Right Dope

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier, consultant to the Editor of the Sporting Green of the San Francisco Chronicle, has crawled out on the limb with his forecast of the results of games to be played around the country this afternoon.

One of the younger medical officers on the N. P. service is in complete disagreement with Ligier on the predictions, which may or may not have been a factor in the figures given below.

Sergeant Ligier picked the Yankees to win the World's Series which is an indication of his ability to foretell coming events in the sporting world.

Minnesota, 14—Illinois, 7.
Northwestern, 21—Wisconsin, 0.
Notre Dame, 19—Georgia Tech, 6.
Fordham, 21—North Carolina, 0.
Frankie Albert, 14—Oregon State 13.
California, 6—Santa Clara, 7.
U. S. C., 0—Oregon, 14.
Washington, 14—W. S. C., 6.
Duke, 26—Maryland, 0.
Texas, 19,—Oklahoma, 0.
Michigan, 14—Pitt, 0.

October Selective Service Trainee Quotas Told

Quotas of Selective Service trainees to be inducted into the Army October 7 to 28 total 12,891 for the Ninth Corps Area, it was announced at the headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, Commanding General of the Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

California will furnish 9,367 of these, Washington 1,057, Oregon 688, Idaho 577, Montana 506, Utah, 478, and Nevada 218. Southern California will send 4,683 selectees to the Reception Center at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, Southern California; Northern California 4,684 to that at the Presidio of Monterey, California; those from Washington, Oregon, Montana, and 156 from Idaho will be sent to Fort Lewis, Washington; and those from Utah, Nevada, and the remaining 421 from Idaho will go to Fort Douglas, Utah.

The latest call brings the total number of men called from the Ninth Corps Area to 79,809 of which State quotas have been as follows: California 55,513, Washington 8,364, Oregon 4,619, Montana, 3,808, Idaho 3,424, Utah 2,994, Nevada 1,056 (Wyoming, prior to its transfer to the Seventh Corps Area, 31).

The October call is the largest since February, when 17,700 young men were called from the Ninth Corps Area to enter the Army.

Brother Willie Gets Another Letter from Sam

Mr. Willie Smith,
Burr City, Arkansas.
Dear Bud:

Here in the hospital I shure am lurning a lot of things I used to wunder whut wuz. You reckoleckt when we used to go to town with paw on Satiday to sell the turnips and aigs and that old Bonker, "Big Wompum," used to make the Satiday afternoon speeches in the wagon lot and say so much about them scopes. You know, he wuz always saying "The world in all its scope" and things like that. Wal, Bud, alluz thought he just coined that word "scope" becuz I never heard nobody else use it. But he didn't—now I know.

They got lots of them scopes here in the hospital. I reckon that's where the Bonker found out about them but I didn't know he wuz ever sick. When I get outa here you wont catch me all ways talking about them scopes. No siree, I want to forget them. I'll tell you about sum of them though so you will know whut the Bonker means when he says scope.

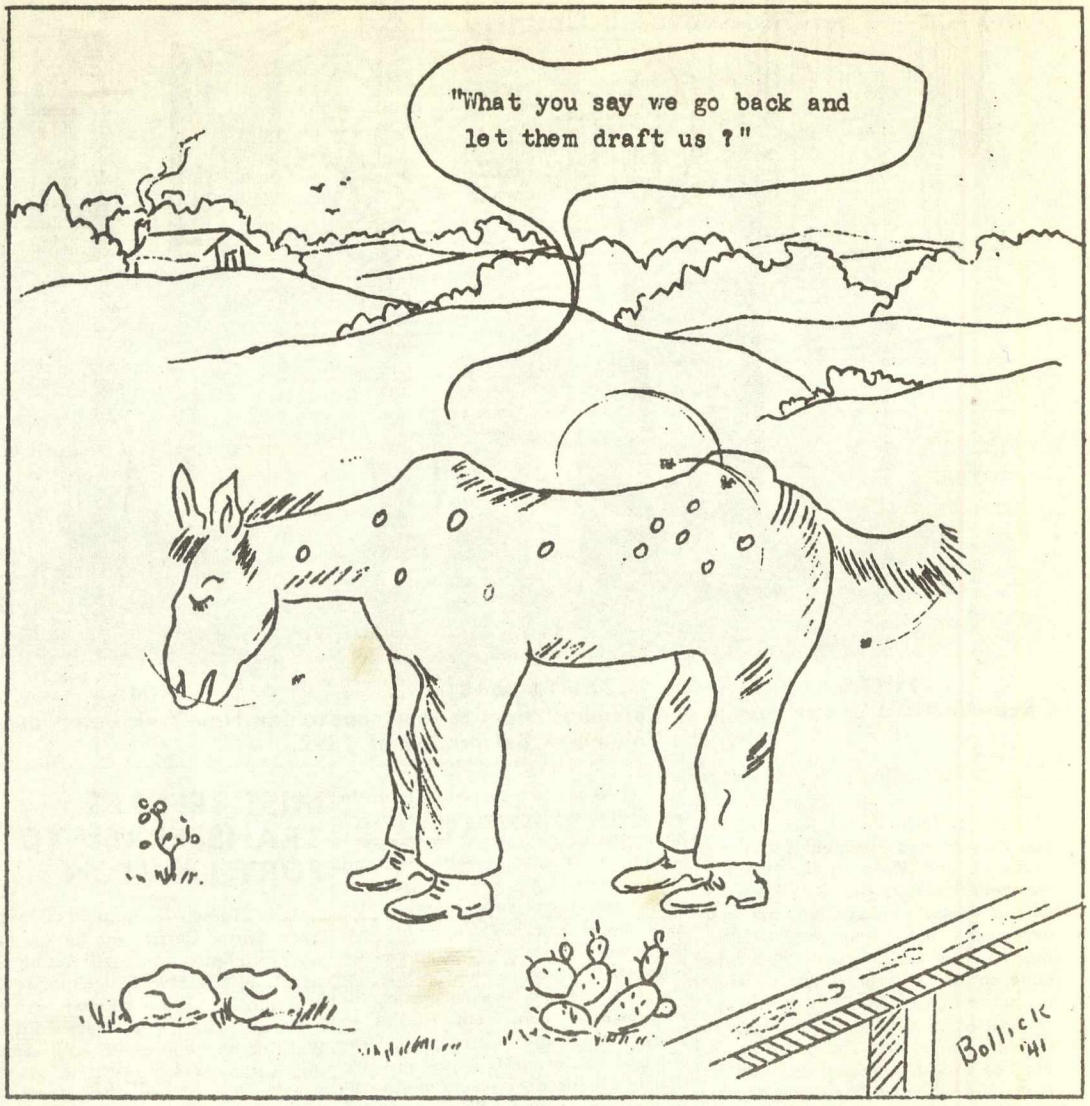
The first and about the best one I reckon, is the fluoroscope. They take you in a regular horror room like you see in the picture shows. It's dark as pitch and everybody has a long sheet on to look like a ghost. I reckon maybe this helps scare the sickness away. Anyway, they make you drink sum sody water and stand up against a black board. Then they turn a light on your belly through a picture frame and a Dr. looks at it and punches it a lot. That's all there is to a fluoroscope.

They got lots more scopes but sum of them I can't write about becuz maw mite read this letter. I'll tell you about them when I cum home. But, I want to tell you about the last one becuz no telling you mite get sick in a hospital and they mite want to use this one on you. It's what they call a gastriscope and if you ever get sick and hear a Dr. say anything about one you just grab yore clothes and run. Here's whut it is and how they use it.

First, they don't feed and water you at breakfast. Then they put some painkiller in yore arm. Then they take you off to another building where yore friends caint see what they are doing and help you. They spray some painkiller in yore throte and sit you down. They tell you to open yore mouth and shut yore eyes. A fellow behind you grabs yore haid and holds it so you caint get away. Before you can open yore eyes they have jammed a piece of two inch pipe down yore throat into yore stommak. That pipes got a big 100 watt lite bulb on it. You cant see it but you can tell how big it is by how it feels. Its like jogging a fence post in a too small post hole. Then they take turns looking in that pipe. They keep telling you to sit still and they will pull it out in just a secunt, but they dont. Then just before you die they pull it out. When they git it out they hide it quick and show you one about as big around as yore finger and say thats what they used. They shore aint very truthful about that scope.

I cant see nothing good about that scope 'cept when they git through. Wal, maybe there's one more good thing. You can eat boiled aigs without peelin' them, seems like, but who wants to eat a unpeeled aig?

Your brother,
Sam.



MAJOR NICHOL GIVEN CLEAN BILL OF ETHICS

Chaplain's Office is given the "Missouri." The Major demonstrates that he is a superb fisherman and snags forty pounds of the best fish to enter the Golden Gate. We were all wrong in supposing that these fish seen angling toward the Major's domicile on other days had been unfortunate in getting into the submarine net. There was nothing to that. The fish we observed early one morning, yes, before work hours, were no doubt perturbed, and in this state of mind were the more easily suggestible. These fish had come to the Golden Gate Bridge in the hope of getting over to see the review of the 30th Infantry the other evening. They were gathered at one end of the bridge when the Major happened by with his suggestive paraphernalia. No, it was not Sunday morning. Just because a Chaplain was present didn't call for a congregation. It was one of the great moments when a fish struck. We were worried lest some of these runs might get our line tangled around the Farallone Islands.

AIR CORPS TO TRAIN MEN

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crews. The status, as well as pay and allowances of cadets undergoing this specialized non-pilot training in navigation, is the same as that for cadets who receive pilot training. They are designated "Aviation Cadets" and, upon satisfactory completion of the course, as well as an additional period of training with tactical or other Air Corps units, are eligible for commissions as 2nd Lieutenants, Air Corps Reserve. The entire training period will cover approximately nine months.

THE FOG HORN

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LT. MOUNCE NOW STATIONED AT MARCH FIELD

In compliance with orders of the War Department, Lt. Chanceford A. Mounce, Medical Corps, left San Francisco on Monday to report to his new station at March Field, California.

Lt. Mounce, who has been on duty with the Outpatient Service for over two years, is a native of Walla Walla, Washington, a graduate of Walla Walla College and took his degree in medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, in 1938. His internship was served at the French Hospital here in San Francisco prior to his joining the Army.

He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps May 23, 1938, and served with the C. C. C. as Camp Surgeon in the Mother Lode country with headquarters at Auburn, California. He was ordered to active duty on August 12, 1940, under his commission in the Reserve Corps.

In 1934 Lt. Mounce married Miss Fern Ellen Myers of Redlands, California. They have one child, Chanceford L. Mounce, now two and one-half years old.

During his tour of duty in the Outpatient Service Lt. Mounce made a friend of every patient to whom he ministered. His unselfish devotion to duty built up for him a reputation that will long endure in these parts. It is with deep regret that we chronicle his departure for another field of the service, but our good wishes will be with him wherever he may go.

The huge net, 235 feet long and 192 feet wide when laid out flat, will be used to hold blimp "envelopes," or gas bags, during original inflation, preparatory to flying. Weight is provided by hooking sand bags to the net while the blimps are being inflated.

New Corps Area Commander Assigned

The War Department has announced the assignment of Major General Jay L. Benedict to the command of the Ninth Corps Area, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

General Benedict at the present time is the Commanding General of the Fourth Army Corps and in that capacity he supervised the concentration and training of the 31st and 43rd Divisions at Camp Blanding, and led them during the two months' maneuvers just completed in Louisiana.

General Benedict will succeed Major General Ernest D. Peek, who has been in command of the Ninth Area for the past year.

Helen Franklin To New Post as Clerical Worker

Miss Helen Franklin, who, for the past six months, has been Office Manager in the Office of the American Red Cross at this hospital, has resigned her position to accept an appointment as clerical assistant in the Office of the Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service. Miss Franklin is a native of Chicago but has been in San Francisco for the past four years. The patients calling at the Red Cross Office will miss her cheery presence.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

News of the promotion of the following named officers has been received from the War Department in Washington:

Captain Alfred J. Schwartz, promoted to Major.

Captain George C. Shivers, promoted to Major.

Lt. Donald B. Slocum, promoted to Captain.

Congratulations are extended to the officers on their advancement.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING ON PAR WITH OTHER UNITS

The absence of a raised platform sheltered from the wind by glass enclosed walls and a total lack of the facilities ordinarily demanded by the Sidewalk Superintendents is not to be interpreted that our construction program is lagging behind the rest of the Army.

Even our Inquiring Reporter was surprised to learn how much work is going on hereabouts under the supervision of the Post Quartermaster. No graphs or charts are in evidence to catch the public eye nor banners flying in the wind to attract attention. Only a periodical progress report laid on the desk of the Commanding General. And the work goes quietly on.

"Just what is the Quartermaster doing around here?" Read on and learn for yourself. On his schedule are—

Additions "E" and "F" to Nurses' Quarters. These structures are concrete construction, three stories, and will add 66 individual rooms, with connecting baths, to the existing Nurses' Home. The cost is well over $100,000.00. Important modifications have just beeen approved in the electrical and heating systems which should go far in making the rooms convenient and comfortable.

Addition to Building No. 35 for Neuropsychiatric patients. This is a concrete building with a capacity of 60 beds. Contract cost $54,640.00.

A new pastry kitchen is being installed in the basement of the general mess. The principal item being a gas-fired oven of ultra-modern design, approximately 10' x 15' x 9' high, costing $5000.00.

The Assembly Room, which occupies the entire top floor of Building No. 8, is being completely renovated —new wall covering, new ceiling, new wiring, modern heating system, and new linoleum floor covering.

Two new truck sheds are under construction to house the increase in transportation. One unit is 75 per cent complete.

Concrete curbing is being installed around the lawn of the Non-commissioned Officers' Quarters at Building No. 18.

Paving is being accomplished in a new parking lot in the School area, also in a large outside storage area on the north side of Warehouse No. 60.

The Operating Pavilion is being fitted with new doors, new window frames and is undergoing other miscellaneous repairs.

The neuropsychiatric wards are being renovated.

The Laundry is being improved by a new steam and electric system, including the installation of approximately 20 new pieces of improved machinery.

The power house is undergoing major modifications looking forward to the installation of a new 625 K.W. **alternating** current generator costing $30,000.00 and a new boiler of ultra modern design costing another $30,000.00.

A new electric distribution system is being installed, all underground. This is being accomplished by contract and is the start of a long range program to convert the electric system from **direct** to **alternating** current. The power house generators will be tied in with the P. G. & E. system and with the Presidio and Fort Scott systems, so that dependence will not be on any single source of electric energy. Eventually, all direct current motors and equipment of all kinds will be replaced.

The field mess in building T-29 is being equipped with the final units of equipment. Members of the garrison will find the Mess Officer agreeable, I feel sure, if they desire to visit the kitchen.

The old field wards are undergoing extensive repairs to foundations and bathrooms. This project will require several months to complete. This is an effort which has for its difficult purpose the making of near-perman-

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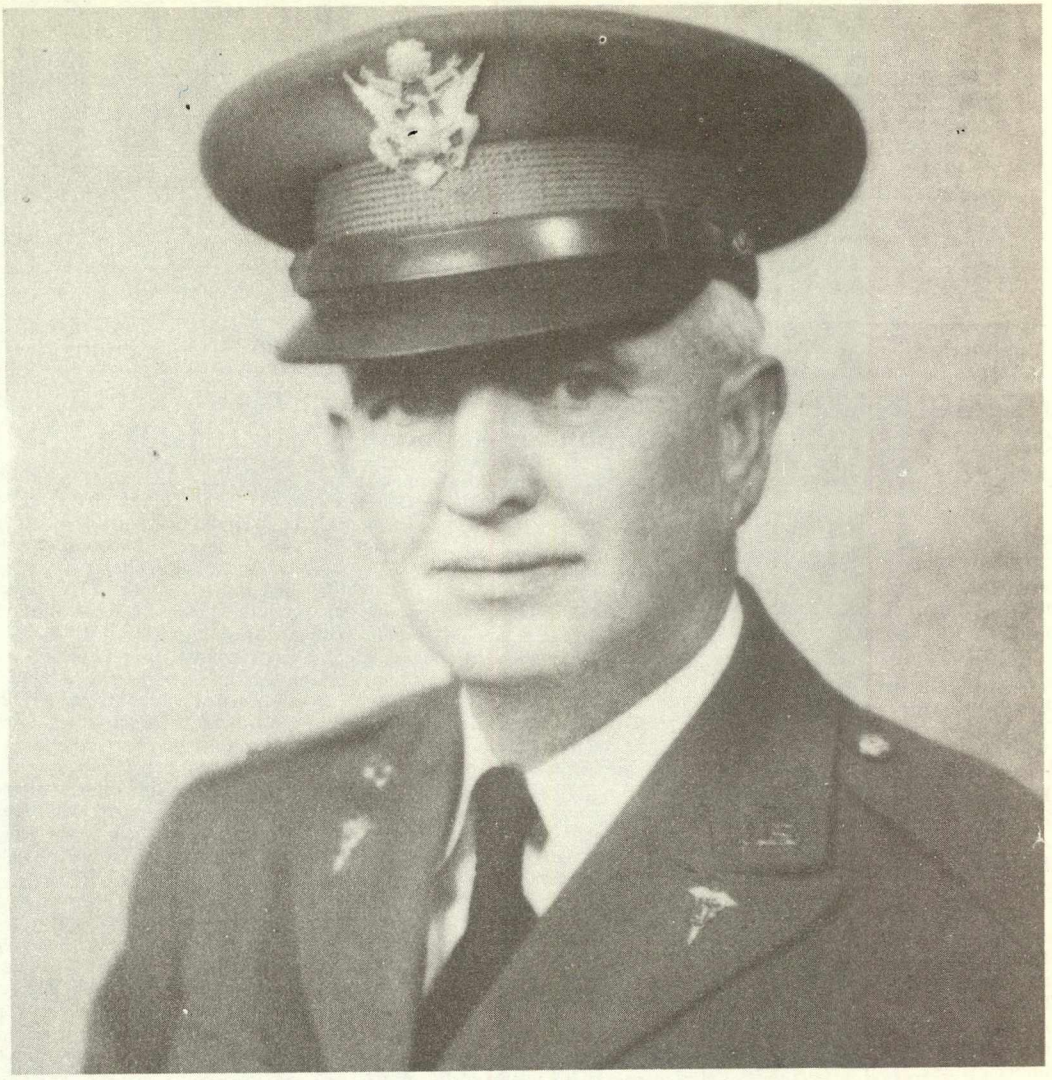
COLONEL ARNETT P. MATTHEWS INTRODUCED HERE

Colonel Arnett P. Matthews, Chief of Dental Service, Letterman General Hospital, was born in the city of Monett, Missouri, September 2, 1886. His parents came originally from Union City, Tennessee. They were pioneers and the stock of the parents has demonstrated itself in the unusual program of the son. The Colonel got his early schooling in the local schools in Missouri, graduating from the high school in Monett. At that time his interest was rather general. He was a fine sportsman and entered into all the sports available to high school students at that time and place. He then attended the Marionville Collegiate Institute from which he graduated in 1906. While in college he was an active participant in baseball, basketball and track.

After finishing college he taught for two years in public schools in Missouri and then began his course in dentistry and attended the Western Dental College of Kansas City, from which he graduated in 1911. Following his graduation from the dental college he practiced dentistry in Denver, Colorado prior to entering the Army at Acting Dental Surgeon, May 14, 1912. He became a First Lieutenant in 1915 and was promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to the rank of Major in 1917, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1938.

His first Army assignment was Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where, interestingly enough, his commanding Officer was General Wallace DeWitt, at that time, Major Dewitt and he attributes much of whatever success he has attained in the Service to his first preceptor. He remained on duty in Hawaii until 1919 at which time he was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he remained as Camp Dental Surgeon until 1921. From 1921 to 1924 he was Post Dental Surgeon, Presidio of San Francisco. From 1924 to 1929 he was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital, and the Army War College, Washington, D. C. From 1929 to 1932 he served as Dental Surgeon Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From 1932 to 1936 he was at Letterman General Hospital; from 1936 to 1940 he was Chief of the Dental Service at Fort Benning, Georgia, and in 1940 he returned to Letterman General Hospital to again resume the duties of Chief of the Dental Service.

Colonel Matthews was married in 1914 to Miss Lydia McStocker of Honolulu. The Matthews have one daughter, Nancy, the wife of Post Assistant Surgeon, John E. Dunn of the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. Colonel Matthews is a grandfather and very proud of his grandson who is, at this time, eighteen months old.



Colonel Arnett P. Matthews, native of Missouri, is Chief of Dental Service here at Letterman General Hospital.

Colonel Matthews shows, in every line of his personality, the fine physical training that he received not only in high school and in college but since those early days. He is a fine sportsman. He has a keen sense of interest in almost every type of sport. He is especially fond of hunting and fishing, is an expert rifleman, and a good golfer. He has a fund of splendid stories relating to good sportsmanship in almost every field of sport. He is prominent in social affairs, not only on the Post but in the city. He represents, without question, the splendid tradition of the high grade Army Officer, the type of Officer that has made the tradition of the Army service what it is in the minds of men who know and love the Service.

Colonel Matthews is one of the senior dental Officers in the Army. When he entered the Service the Dental Corps had a very limited personnel, a lowly status, and meager equipment, so he has had the gratifying experience of seeing the Dental Corps develop and progress from this small beginning to the fine efficient organization of today, which has adequate, well trained personnel and modern dental clinics fully equipped to cope with the most recent advances known to the dental arts and sciences.

Colonel Matthews is very enthusiastic over the Dental Service at Letterman, and is especially proud of the very capable staff which assist him in the extensive program carried on here. He has in this staff nine dental Officers, one interne, a group of selected enlisted men, eleven civil service employes, such as oral hygienists, laboratory technicians, X-ray technician, stenographer and dental assistants.

It is without doubt true, although Colonel Matthews is too modest to say so, that much of the fine achievement of the Dental Corps can be attributed to hi mand to others whose untiring interest and efficiency with a splendid vision have brought the Dental Corps to its fine state of achievement.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT FREEBORN P. HOLCOMB

Technical Sergeant Freeborn P. Holcomb, Chief Clerk in the Unit Personnel Section, is a real son of the Army. His father was Colonel Freeborn P. Holcomb, Finance Department, United States Army, who passed away at this hospital in 1929.

Sergeant Holcomb was born at Camp Overton, Philippine Islands, where his father was then serving with the Cavalry. His boyhood was typical of all Army children, living here for a while and there for a while, but never long in any one spot.

He enlisted in the Army in 1930 at Fort Clark, Tex. He was transferred to Letterman Hospital in 1934 and remained for three years when he was ordered to foreign service at Fort Mills in the Philippines. In 1939 he returned to Letterman where he is still in service.

Sergeant Holcomb became a Corporal at the end of his first enlistment in 1933, a Sergeant in 1937, Staff Sergeant in 1939, Technical Sergeant, temporary warrant, February 1, 1941, and permanent warrant on June 10, 1941.

Two of Sergeant Holcomb's brothers are officers of the Army. One, Major Leslie P. Holcomb, Air Corps, is stationed at Bolling Field, the others, Major Cornelius C. Holcomb, Quartermaster Corps, is stationed at Fort Lewis. Two of his uncles are also in the service, Colonel Harlan C. Mumma, Quartermaster Corps, and Lt. Col. Morton C. Mumma, retired. The later has three sons who are officers in the Navy. All of which adds up to the fact that Sergeant Holcomb's family is made up of fighting men.

Sergeant Holcomb is a bachelor and makes his home with his mother at Ingleside, in San Francisco.

Much of the credit for the smooth functioning of the complex set-up in the Unit Personnel office is due to the ability of Sgt. Holcomb in supervising the staff of 22 persons comprising the office force. The task of keeping straight the pay and personnel records of over 1300 patients is no small job and the potential grief he evades is incalculable. It is a question whether the pay table or the mess table has the strongest appeal to the heart of a soldier but we believe Sgt. Holcomb rates the Mess Sergeant in affection of the patients on the last day of every month, at least.



Technical Sergeant Holcomb comes from long line of Army men.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Chubb—Where did the word "Satan" come from?

Duff—I think it is just an Old Nick name.

On "moving day," Oct. 1, it was estimated that 350,000 people in New York City changed houses at a cost of $3,500,000.

Best Way To Behave Is To Save Money—Ask Men of K-2 Ward

Patients on K-2 have developed a saving society—real competition is on. The Letterman Bank is bulging as a result. Captain Beswick is reported to be the "busiest man in town" taking care of the savings of our soldier patients who have learned that the Letterman Bank, or Patients' Fund, is as substantial as the U. S. Government. (The "Rock of Gibraltar" in comparison is just a pebble on the beach). Captain Beswick and his able assistants are very busy but the best part of it all is that patients have learned that money has a tendency to "burn" pockets and fingers if retained but when this said money is deposited in our bank it becomes "cold cash" when it is really needed.

The men in K-2 have a new morale appearance and how did they get it? They saved it. To "save one's face" means often just the art of a little saving in the bank.

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EDITORIAL
'Unto This Day' . . . Precision

Browning, in his description of the lark in English springtime says that the lark signs his song "twice over" to try to capture his "first fine careless rapture." Larks may or may not, but men definitely cannot "recapture" great experiences. These days spent in the "here and now" never come this way again.

Dr. King once wrote a book entitled "It's all in the day's work." It isn't. These days are new to us. It is for us to make the most of them. Each day should be thought of as a chapter in life's biography. It should be a definite transaction. Each day should have a beginning, a sense of direction, a sense of completion and conclude. Sloppy days will never do. Sloppy lives get us nowhere. The Sanscrit emphasizes the "here and now." 'Live unto this day."

Men who nibble from breakfast time till midnight are indigestion candidates. Nibblers in the affairs of life are neurotic ne'er-do-wells.

These specific Army days will never come again for you. The Army is a program of precise moments. Definiteness is desirable in orders as well as in obedience. Carelessness is everywhere ruled out. Let us learn this lesson so well that even though the Army days may come no more the character of Army discipline may "carry on" and defend us from the slipshod, the shambling and the insipid. Each day is a mental formation. Each day is a roll call of all that we have and are to be "present or accounted for." Alibis are traitors to character. Careless indifference is Public Enemy No. 1 among the subtle enemies of the republic.

A light army tank is made up of 17,000 separate parts, excluding parts for the engine and for special equipment such as guns and radio.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Miss BETTY O'CONNOR, the five o'clock flash, making the car station in nothing flat.

Lieut. McGUINNESS, a symphony in ligtht blue and soft gray, on one of his many evening "emergency" calls to the ward.

"Rusty" LOUGHLIN warning his audience to beware of the Observer.

Chaplain DYRESON, of the 30th Infantry, making a round of visits to the men of his regiment who are patients. Adding to their enjoyment and his.

Miss MERCHELLE NORTON working over time in "P" and singing at her work.

Lieut. and Mrs. S. T. WILLIS admiring the gifts they exchanged on the occasion of their first wedding anniversary.

One of our abler clerical aides at noon for a "session with the dentist" but we promised to mention no names.

Pvt. FRANK GULCH, long time resident on C-1, wearing his added weight with dignity and unconcealed enjoyment.

Our good friend, GUS the barber, beaming over something really good for the Fourth at Tanfo one afternoon this week.

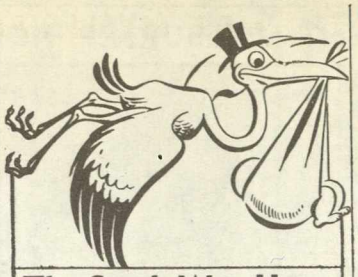
Miss PEARL G. NICHOLS learning to be a Chief Nurse the hard way by making the rounds of the wards under the supervision of Miss CUPPY. Neither has forgotten how to smile.

The Post Exchange council in solemn session and some good always comes of such gatherings. Ask Lieut. ARNONE.

At the historic annual dog auction of Fredericksburg, Va., one bidder got a pair of hounds for five cents. An Irish setter brought the top price, $19.

Bank deposits in Chicago at the last of September were reported the largest on record, while loans and discounts were largest since Dec. 31, 1931.

For the first time since 1926 "the furniture industry is experiencing the exhilaration of capacity operations."



The Stork Was Here

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard W. Martin, 2nd Signal Company, Fort Winfield Scott, a son, Ronald Irving, September 28.

To Captain and Mrs. Douglas W. Throwell, M.A.C. Reserve, Letterman General Hospital, a daughter, Marion Therese, September 28.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Chesley L. Reagan, 70th Pur. Sq., Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Lynn Sharon, September 29.

To Captain and Mrs. Troy W. Crawford, Air Corps, Hq. Ninth Corps Area, a son, Troy William, Jr., September 30.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Donald K. Lemmon, "H" 30th Infantry, a son, Rodney Donald, October 2.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Virgil W. McCall, 4th Air Support, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Barbara Lee, October 2.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Dwight C. Brewer, "I" 30th Infantry, a son, Garry Dwgiht, October 2.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Woodrow Schmela, Medical Reserve Corps, a son, Gordon Jack, October 4.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Harvey Bragdon, B & C School, Presidio, a daughted, Patricia Marie, October 6.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leo W. Burden, 70th Sq. Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a son, David Leo, October 9.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herschel C. Frost, M. D., C.A.S.C. 1900, a son, William Edgar, October 10.

Curiosity Works In Two Directions

At Camp Roberts, California, recently a lone private reported to the infirmary one morning. He held up three gashed fingers.

"Looks like a horse bit you," commented a surgeon as he prepared to dress the injury.

"That's right sir," replied the soldier.

That was too much for the doctor. Why there wasn't a horse in Camp Roberts.

"Well you see sir,' explained the soldier, "a cowboy from that ranch over the hill rode up and tethered his horse back of the Post Exchange last night. I stuck my fingers in the horses mouth to see how many teeth he had. Then he shut his mouth to see how many fingers I had."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY
October 19, 1941
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 a. m.

ATTENTION—MEN WHO USE CAMERAS OFFERED CHANCE

A common sight around the hospital grounds is a patient with a camera.

We have seen the kodaks pointed in all directions and at times have been close enough to hear the click of the shutter over the lens.

We wonder what happens to some or all of these exposures and to satisfy our curiosity we are throwing open the columns of The Fog Horn to our local snapshot artists.

We believe many photographs of general interest are taken about the hospital and grounds and we are willing to donate a carton of cigarettes to the snapper of "the best photo of the week."

Prints submitted should be of general interest; glossy finish reproduces best. The best photo and the name of the recipient of the cigarettes will appear in The Fog Horn each week.

Leave your prints at the Chaplains' Office.



Misses Helena Colteryahn, Teresa C. Stauffer, Mary A. Slaughter, Ruth I. Clouser and Dorcas Keim, who have been on temporary duty at Letterman, sailed for Hawaii on October 13.

Misses Gene M. Nelligan, Wilma Ward, Eva K. Komsak, Marion K. Bunten, Martha E. Wilson, are on final leave following their resignations.

Miss Eugenia P. Williams was transferred to Mather Field, Sacramento, Calif., on October 16.

Miss Margaret N. Hennessey, formerly a member of the Army Nurse Corps, was a guest of Miss Mary E. Kennedy last week.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

NEWS ITEMS

First Lieutenant Rex P. Clayton, instructor of the pharmacy school, in addition to his other duties, has been assigned as senior instructor of the x-ray school, during the temporary absence of 1st Lieutenant Maurice M. Haskell, instructor of the x-ray school.

Lieutenant Haskell is now visiting friends and relatives at Artemesia, California, down in the southern part of the state.

Sergeant Everard V. Cruea, assistant in charge of quarters, went on detached service, with four days delay en route, to Price, Texas. On the return journey he hopes to spend his time at El Paso, Texas, at the home of his parents.

Rumors have it that Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, assistant instructor of the x-ray school, has fallen at last! Guess what? He is buying a present too! Wonder who it could be? More facts about this enigma next week. Don't miss it!

Acting 1st Sergeant John T. Young sure is busy these days. For the past several weeks he has been submitting football scores on the outcome of future games to the Examiner. So far he hasn't received any results or cash to show for his untiring efforts. But he says he is not licked yet, and hopes to receive the 1st prize—$200.00, before the season is over.

Allen E. Greendale, a private from Letterman General hospital, was transferred to the schools on October 10, 1941. He had been a student here at the laboratory school just prior to being transferred. While here he proved himself very efficient and capable of working in that school. Greendale's new duties will consist of instructing and giving demonstrations to students of the laboratory school.

Eighty-two students were sent out of these schools on October 10, 1941, who completed their courses of instruction. All of them were sent back to their respective stations.

Incoming students will start pouring in by the 16th of this current month.

One large automobile company has made production changes in its new models that will result in savings of 80 per cent in nickel and 50 per cent in aluminum over the amounts previously used.

MRS. MYSELS RESIGNS DUTY HERE



Mrs. Helen B. Mysels plans to devote her time to writing on subjects allied to medical profession.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Mrs. Helen B. Mysels, for the past year a member of the Medical Social Service Staff at this hospital, has resigned and plans to devote her full time to writing on subjects allied to her profession.

Mrs. Mysels was born in New York City where she was graduated from the School for Ethical Culture. She took her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Wisconsin and her Master's degree in Social Science at Smith College.

Before coming to San Francisco Mrs. Mysels was with the Social Service Bureau in the Department of Public Welfare of New York City for five years, and prior to that had been associated with Harvard Medical School in extensive research. By training and experience she is unusually well qualified in the medical social service field.

During her year of service at Letterman Mrs. Mysels has done excellent work on the medical section. Endowed with a pleasing personality and a very gentle disposition she has a sympathetic apprach which endeared her to the patients. Her understanding of the medical aspect of cases made her an appreciated asset to the medical officers.

Much of the value of the work done by Mrs. Mysels cannot be reduced to the written word in case and statistical reports. To her the patient is an individual and as such she has applied the full force of her personality and human interest in an earnest effort to go far beyond normal requirements in doing everything possible for the ones with whom she dealt. Her earnestness and cheerfulness were almost equally noted by others she came in contact with in other than her professional capacity. She takes with her our cordial good wishes for success in her new field of endeavor.

In the first six months of this year reserves set aside for federal income taxes by a group of 275 industrial companies, represented, in the aggregate, 51.6 per cent of their earnings.

Industry produces about 163,600,000 miles of wire a year for 160,000 different uses—ranging from paper clips to piano wires!

One type of large bomber being manufactured for U. S. defense can carry about enough gasoline for five automobile trips around the world.

The United States normally uses about 60 per cent of the world's rubber production, 40 per cent of the nickel, 40 per cent of the tin, 45 per cent of the chromium.

Lieut. Hedge to Camp Roberts

Lt. Arden Russell Hedge, Medical Corps Reserve, has left for his new station at Camp Roberts, California, in compliance with War Department orders.

Lt. Hedge was born at Fort H. G. Wright, New York, where his father, who was an Army officer, was stationed at the time. He made his premedical course at the University of California and received his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where he was graduated in 1938. He made his internship at San Francisco City and County Hospital and later was a resident physician at Madera County Hospital for a period of one year.

Lt. Hedge was commissioned in the medical school and was ordered to active duty on June 30, 1940, and to extended active duty on August 1, 1940. With the exception of a short period of duty at the Station Hospital Presidio of San Francisco, he has spent all his time at Letterman General Hospital.

In 1938 Lt. Hedge was married to Miss Eleanor Eddelmann of San Francisco. They have two children, Diana, one and one-half years, and Roger, three months old.

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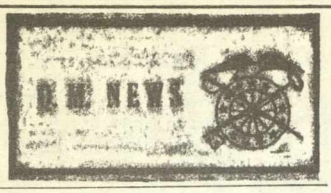
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Having been A.W.O.L. from the Fog Horn last week we wish to announce congratulations to the following named men for recent promotions:

Pvt. Lynn L. Thomas, promoted to Pvt. 1cl.

Pvt. Chester E. Andrews, rated Specialist 4th class.

Pvt. Torcom K. Bedayan, rated Specialist 6th class.

After a brief spell of quietness around the barracks our famous story teller, Bokin, has returned to duty from the hospital. In addition to being quite a story teller he now claims the honor of being a second Barney Oldfield. (NOTE) For those who don't know who Barney Oldfield was, he was a famous speed demon on the race tracks in the old days. Anyway, Bokin's latest yarn is that his car known as the Yellow Flash can do 110 MPH. He claims that he was doing 90 MPH the other day and didn't even have his foot on the gas. Did I hear you ask me to go for a ride, Bokin? Well, just in case you do, no thank you. When I want to travel that fast I will charter a plane. Perhaps that is a plane you own, in disguise. Is it? Just a tip. Before you attempt to travel 110 MPH in the Yellow Flash let me know and I will take up the usual donation of 25 cents per man in advance.

Attention readers: The Q.M. Detachment has a talented young man whose hobby is drawing life like pictures of people. The young man referred to is Pvt. Wojciechowski, better known around the hospital as (Murphy). He is willing to draw a picture of anyone who will volunteer to sit for a short time. The charge, well you will have to speak to Murphy about that.

Pvt. 1cl Passarelli, our man Friday around the clothing issue room, has departed on a trip to Washington, D. C., and will be gone about 15 days. We suggest that now is the time to draw clothing if you desire the proper fit. Now I wonder what gave me this idea.

Plans are being formulated for the detachment to enjoy a picnic in the near future. All men of the detachment are expected to attend for there will be plenty of good fun. Time and place to be announced later. Watch the bulletin board. NOTE: No charge.

Jim Larney, a familiar figure around the printing plant, has been confined to the hospital since October 6.

The Grumbling Of a Soldier

There was a grumbling soldier who
growled the whole year long,
What wasn't the "ought-to-be;" what
was, was always wrong.
He didn't like his station, and he
made it plain to me,
That anywhere he wasn't was the
place he'd like to be.

He didn't like his General; he cursed
his Captain too,
He saw no rhyme or reason in the
chores they made him do.
He wished they would transfer him
to some post across the sea.
For anywhere he wasn't, was the
place he'd like to be.

They sent him o'er the ocean with
his rifle and his pack,
But no sooner had he landed than
he wished that he were back.
He couldn't stand the tropics with
the hot sun blazing down,
The place to be a soldier was some
good old Yankee town.

At last death's final transfer moved
him on to realms afar,
He drew a post in Heaven where
the perfect quarters are.
But hardly was he seated when he
passed around the word,
If St. Peter could arrange it he would
like to be transferred.

—Edgar A. Guest.

FLASH: Mr. Lewis A. Crawford, one of our civilian employes, has figured out a way to beat the draft for he is preparing to enter the turbulent sea of matrimony. This may be ahead of schedule, Lewis, but anyway, congratulations. Don't forget the cigars.

Attention Garage Personnel: Has anyone seen a 1940 Oldsmobile coupe on the streets of San Francisco? If so, please notify the owner, George. It seems as though some bright fellow got the idea that when George entered the service that he also agreed to abide by the "Lend-Lease Act." You know, lend, lease and worry later.

It shouldn't be long before the personnel will get a chance to enjoy the new tennis court located between the Letterman Club and the NCO barracks, for it is nearing completion.

The commissary has adopted the idea of white uniforms for the personnel working in the store department. The uniforms improve the appearance of the personnel and aid in keeping cleaning bills to a minimum.

The hospital is forming a basketball team to compete against teams desiring games. All men of the Q.M. Corps that are interested in trying out for the team are requested to contact Sergeant Bell at the E. & R. Office.

Army Trip to Aloha Land Told For Readers

The U.S.A.T.—is about to leave the Fort Mason dock. Very few friends of those bound for foreign service are there because of the existing regulations. The "All ashore that's going ashore" chime has been sounded by a steward. The few chosen ones that have been allowed on board, leave. The winch is started and the gang plank is lowered to the dock. A quiver is felt throughout the ship. A puffing, panting, fussy tug is assisting the transport to warp away from the pier. Soon the transport is in the channel headed toward Golden Gate.

How different the reception of this same transport upon its arrival in Hawaii. A band from one of the posts on the outskirts of the city is there playing the familiar song of welcome or departure, Aloha Oe.

The pier 'neath Aloha Tower is crowded with people. Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos as well as the white race form this throng. All waiting for the good ship to come to rest in this port of the Paradise of the Pacific. Leis of all kinds—carnation, ginger, rose and one or two hibiscus add to the color of the scene. As the ship warps in there are cries of greeting from ship to shore and shore to ship. The band is heard but dimly amid the din of welcoming cries. The gang plank is raised to the side of the ship and the fortunate first arrivals are soon surrounded by their friends who promptly bedeck them with leis. The perfume of the flowers permeates the aid and adds an exotic note to the excitement of greeting old friends and new. The troops are now disembarking and some of them are fortunate enough to be remembered by former friends. There can be no delay, however, as the ship must be unloaded as soon as possible. It must be a hasty greeting with a lei and possibly a kiss to the confusion of the recipient and the amusement of those following. The sun shines benignly and sky is a turquoise blue. Even the gulls seem more friendly and swoop closer and closer to the pier. Pandemonius seems to reign but before two hours have passed nothing will be left but scattered baggage stubs, a few leis that have been trampled under foot and one of two MPs who must stay to see that no unauthorized person stays on the pier.

How fortunate these new arrivals, facing the unknown wonders and beauties of this Paradise Isle for their tour of foreign service. The night blooming cereus on the Punahou Academy wall, the hibiscus hedges that adorn the highways, the everpresent, soothing trade winds that come over the Pali. The beaches with its' gleaming sand, sparkling water and coral reefs. The Blow Hole on windward Oahu, the Mormon Temple and the pineapple fields that disappear over the horizon. These are only a few of the sights and wonders that greet the eye of those that are fortunate enough to be sent to teh Paradise of the Pacigic; Honolulu the beautiful, exciting and exotic.

WINTER COMFORT ASSURED MEN AT NORTHERN POSTS

Additional coal storage facilities costing approximately $7,700 are being constructed at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Camp Sibert, Nevada, it was reported at the Office of the Zone Constructing Quartermaster in San Francisco today, following a recent War Department announcement that 139,019 tons of coal are to be purchased for heating military posts in the Ninth Zone.

Work nearing completion at Vancouver Barracks involves surfacing 1,000 square yards of storage area, and one 30-foot pneumatic wheeled self-propelled flight conveyor.

At Fort Lewis a weighing station, one 18-ton truck scale with platform and concrete scale pit, including necessary utilities and appurtenances, are scheduled for completion by November 10.

Coal storage facilities at Camp Sibert consist of surfacing 900 yards of storage area, 250 square yards of roads, a 250-foot railroad spur and turnout, one car unloader and one 20-foot drag conveyor, to be completed on or before November 15.

In designing heating facilities it is the policy of the Zone Constructing Quartermaster to choose impartially the fuel or fuels available in the locality, taking into consideration questions of transportation, cost and efficiency. In the case of the four mentioned posts, coal will be supplied from mines in Ogden and Washington, while in other parts of the Zone sources of heat are oil, coal and butane, with electricity contemplated for some camps still in the planning stage.

Lacking special equipment to raise men to suspended, head-down positions for delicate spinal operations, R.A.F. doctors in the Egyptian desert report, they have been able to adapt a five-ton airplane crane for the job.

The 1941 American Army is healthy. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reports that deaths by disease have been under one per 1,000 a year, less than one-tenth the rate of the 1917-18 army.

Peerless Picker S. Sgt. Liger Takes Pat on Back

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Liger speaking:

Ten out of eleven. Not a bad start in predicting. Of course, the actual prediction of scores were out of line with the results but who cares. The winners are what counts. Stanford spoiled what might have been a perfect day but I still think they are going to the Rose Bowl. (They had better go or a few people around this hospital are going to have free cigarettes for 1942). Beginning with this issue there will be a $10 special. Follow this one and wind up in the poorhouse. Well here goes, sticking my neck out again.

$10 Special

Northwestern, 21—Michigan, 13.
Washington State, 21—U. S. C. 0.
Minnesota 45,—Pitt 0.
Stanford, 27, U. S. F. 0.
California, 6—Oregon U. 14.
Washington, 19, U. C. L. A. 0.
Texas, 25—Arkansas, 0.
Santa Clara, 7—Michigan State, 0.
Ohio State, 14—Purdue 6.
Notre Dame 41, Carnegie, 0.
Navy, 14—Cornell, 7.
Army, 7,—Yale, 6.

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Chicago Bears, 21—Detroit, 7.

Army Greats Got That Way Hunting Squirrels—Edison

Nut brown October days mean just one thing to Private Edison Aymond. It means squirrel hunting. Edison maintains this is America's greatest sport. You know Edison comes from Louisiana and it was down in that direction that Andrew Jackson got his squirrel-hunting-trained-soldiers that caused so much pain to the British before New Orleans. Jackson didn't send his soldiers to the rifle pits to train them to shoot—he just sent them out squirrel hunting! Edison says the reason why we revere Paul so much is that Paul Revere made that ride about Lexington and Concord to call out "ye olde Squirrel Hunters Association." They came too! Edison says that when a gray squirrel or a wiley fox squirrel gets atop of a tall pecan tree it takes no one less than a Sergeant York to give him "uplift." Old Daniel Boone used to be so good on the squirrels that when he came along the squirrels just crawled down the trees and "gave themselves up." Edison says that he has a mighty hankering to be down in the tall timber at this time. He promises us a story of hunting coon in our next issue.



A familiar name to many of the men here on the post is also a familiar name in theatrical circles and to theatre goers the country over. With seventeen years on the dramatic stage to his credit, and in productions covering the forty-eight states, Edward Kirby, of the Post library staff has some interesting stories to tell. Since studying drama and light opera on Broadway, recognized as the school of schools in that line, Kirby has spent the major portion of his life in following the stage. Two of his most thrilling experiences were in productions with Holbrook Blinn, star of the twenties, in the "Bad Man," and in appearances with Fritzi Scheff, of whom praises are still voiced. In one production he appeared in a cast including Mae West. Touring the country in light opera and dramatic companies, he has touched all of the large cities of the country, and has played in every state. This versatile actor has a very vivid rememberance as a member of the cast of "Rose Marie," which played thirty-seven weeks for the world's record at the Majestic Theatre in Boston; and in touring the country in one of the most popular of light operas, "Blossom Time." As late as just last season, he toured with the Los Angeles Opera Company, which included John Charles Thomas, playing at the Curran Theatre here in San Francisco. This is not Kirby's first military service, as he spent twenty-six months in the army during the last war, and later served one hitch in the marines.

Company "C," 58th Loses Ten Men

Ten men of Company "C," 58th QM regiment will be released from service this week, due to their twenty-eight year old draftee status. On their release they are automatically transferred to the roles of the Enlisted Reserve Corps. The men are: Pfc. John L. Camicia, 347 Twenty-sixth avenue, and Privates Herman E. Braden, 848 Kearny street, Gratien O. Etchebarne, Salt Lake City, Shelby B. Feltman, Portola, California, Earl B. Marglin, Portola, California, Bernard J. Middleton, Los Angeles, Henry W. Peckham, Fresno, Ralph F. Schools, Anaheim, California, Earl Sorrenti, Fresno, California, and William S. Jones, Los Angeles.

R. V. A. DANCE TO BE HELD

Sergeant Hunter Post of the Regular Veteran's Association are scheduling a Hallowe'en dance to be given on Friday October thirty-first in the War Memorial Building. The dance is to be a masquerade affair, according to M. J. Perault, of CASC Unit 1900, who is the Hunter Post adjutant. Louis J. Rourdough, an ex-enlisted man is commander of the post, which takes its name from the late Sergeant Hunter, who was with Headquarters Company of the 30th Infantry, when he was drowned at Fort Baker in 1938. The objects of this association are to promote loyal and unselfish service to the United States of America, and to assist in the promotion of adequate and efficient defense. During recent years the association has in part been responsible for the pay bonus of $10.00, the 25 per cent raise in disability payments, and the reenlistment bonus. In addition the association is ever alert to protect the best interests of the personnel, past and present, of the armed forces of the United States, and their dependents.

NEWS FROM THE 30TH ANTI TANK CO.

During the past week a number of promotions have been in order in the 30th anti-tank company; Corp. Fay and Barrows, to sergeant, Pvts. Reedy, Reeves, McDonald, Williams, and Eugene to corporals.

A new lunch counter has been opened for business at the post exchange on Crissey Field supervised by Chef Covoletsky of the anti-tank kitchen staff.

COMPANY C BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FIRST

The newly organized basketball team of Company C, 30th Infantry, attired in brand new jerseys, met the Company H team in their first encounter for a winning score of 27-28. It was a close game and we suspect that those new jerseys may have had something to do with the score. The game was held in the Commerce Hi School gym, where together with the gym of the Marina High School, the team has been practising. The starting line-up was D. Cox, center; forwards M. Cox and Granlund; guards D. Smith and Judy. Company C is desirous of obtaining games with other organizations on the post and if interested should contact Corporal Lingle.

PARTY AFTER GAME GIVEN PRESIDIO MEN

A convoy of trucks carrying 150 men from the Presidio pulled out of the post Saturday afternoon at 12:45 and by 2:30 every man had a vantage point to view the game played in Berkeley between University of California and Santa Clara. Beside being present for the game these men were also in Berkeley for another reason. That reason being, the dinner and dance to which they had been invited by the joint invitation of the United Veteran's Council of Berkeley, and the Berkeley Hospitality and Recreation Defense Committee. After watching Santa Clara win the game over California, amid a crowd of 70,000 people, these men made their way to the Veteran's Memorial Building where they were greeted by the men and women of Berkeley responsible for the wonderful evening planned for them. Chairman F. E. Ward of the Veteran's Council and Chairman Davis of the Recreation Defense Committee together with members of their organization had arranged a dinner for 6:00 o'clock, community singing for a breather course and as a climax had invited 150 young ladies for dancing to a good orchestra, starting at 8:00 o'clock. Sgt. Hill of CASC with Mrs. Davis lead the grand march, and continuous dancing was under way for the rest of the evening. Mr. Ward as master of ceremonies inaugurated various mix-ups and Paul Jones' to get acquainted and several couples gave specialty dances. A number of Berkeley's leading citizens were present including Mrs. Carrie L. Hoy, vice mayor and member of the city council since 1923, Annie Woodall, President of the city council and many past and present commanders of various veteran's groups.

Now that the sun is beginning to hide behind the clouds and indoor sports are beginning to flourish in the form of future plans for the organization of teams—it has come to the attention of this writer that Unit CASC No. 1900 is organizing a bowling team. Corporal Schroeder has been appointed the organizer of the team and also the "sport provider" of Unit CASC No. 1900.

From a one-room office with a couple of desks to the occupation of one whole building with a bevy of clerks busily engaged at several desks is the record and accomplishment of Unit CASC No. 1900, in a few months.

This Unit which was formerly known as the Casual Company has since had its activity, taken a new lease on progress and has stepped right along with the policies of the War Department to increase efifciency in the Army in accordance with the recent government expansion program.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Following is a list of officers attached to the administrative division of Letterman General Hospital:

Commanding Gneral: Brig. Gen. Wallace De Witt, U. S. A.

Executive Officer: Colonel Alva B. McKie, M. S. Assistant: Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.

Adjutant: Major John D. Foley, M. A C. Assistants: Major Stanley A. Clark, M. A. C.; Capt. Frank R. Day, M. A. C.; 1st Lt. Ennis D. Sandberg, M. A. C.

Post Chaplain: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas L. McKenna. Assistant: Chaplain (Major) Harry A. Shuder.

Principal Chief Nurse: Margaret Knierim, Asst. Supt. A. N. C.

C. O., CCC Casual Detachment: Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.

C. O., Detachment Med. Dept.: Capt. Lemuel R. Williams, M. A. C. Assistant: Capt. Douglas S. Throwell, M. A. C.

C. O., Detachment of Patients: Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.

C. O., Detachment Quartermaster Corps: 2nd Lt. Maurice R. Brice, Q. M. C.

Custodian of Patients Funds & Valuables: Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.

Finance Officer: 2nd Lt. Edward Gates, F. D.

Fire Marshal: Lt . Col. Everett Busch, Q. M. C.

Hospital Inspector Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin, M. C. Assistant: Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.

Greenhouse, Gardens & Landscaping Officer in charge: Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.

Intelligence Officer: Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.

Laundry—Officer in Charge: Major Richard E. Humes, M. A. C. Assistant: 1st Lt. Harry Deil, M. A. C.

Library Officer: Capt. Frank R. Day, M. A. C.

Medical Supply Officer: Major Richard E. Humes, M. A. C. Assistant: 1st Lieut. Harry Deil, M. A. C.

Mess Officer: 1st Lt. Lester J. Sawyer, M. C.

Patients' Baggage Room: Officer in Charge: Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.

Post Office—Officer in charge: Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.

Police Officer: Capt. Douglas S. Throwell, M. A. C.

Post Exchange Officer: 1st Lt. Louis F. Arnone, M. A. C.

Printing Plant—Officer in charge: Lt. Col. Everett Busch, Q. M. C.

Provost Marshal: Capt. Douglas S. Throwell, M. A. C.

Public Relations Officer: Col. Alva B. McKie, M. C. Assistant: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thos. L. McKenna.

Quartermaster: Lt. Col. Everett Busch, Q. M. C. Assistants: Capt. Lewis S. Parody, Q. M. C.; 2nd Lt. Maurice R. Brice, Q. M. C.; 2nd Lt. James J Ford, Q. M. C.

Recreation Officer: Capt. Frank R. Day, M. A. C.

Recruiting Officer: Capt. Lemuel R. Williams, M. A. C.

Registrar: Col. William D. Herbert, M. C. Assistant: Capt. Lewis Specker, M. C.

Sales Officer: 2nd Lt. Maurice R. Brice, Q. M. C.

Summary Court Officers: Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.; Major Richard E. Humes, M. A. C.; Major Stanley A. Clark, M. A. C.; Capt. William L. Beswick, M. A. C.; Capt. Frank R. Day, M. A. C.; Capt. Lemuel R. Williams, M. A. C.

Supervisor, Hospital Police & Personnel: Major Stanley A. Clark, M. A. C.

Supervisor, W. P. A. Activities (Medical) Major Richard E. Humes, M. A. C.

Training Officer: Capt. Lemuel R. Williams, M. A. C.

Training Officer for Internes: Colonel Alva B. McKie, M. C.

Unit Personnel Officer: Capt. George A. Ekman, M. A. C.

Medical Dept. Special Service Schools — Assistant Commandant: Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin, M. C.

LETTERMAN ON PAR

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ent buildings out of temporary buildings of 1917 vintage.

Outside painting and inside painting is keeeping 25 men busy. It is proposed to do as much outside work as possible before the rains commence, leaving the inside jobs to be accomplished then.

The above are the principal major items at the present time. Minor, routine jobs have accounted for approximately 2,000 work orders since July 1, 1941. These jobs vary greatly in character. Some require a few minutes; others require several days to complete. Due to depletion of certain key personnel and to the press of emergency work it is not always possible to accomplish all jobs with the promptness this office would prefer to see. The cooperation and understanding of the members of the garrison in this respect has been and is appreciated by all Quartermaster personnel.

Ed—They tell me at your office that you are only one of two clerks. And yet you told me you were a director.

Clara—Well, I am. I'm director of envelopes.

MEN OF CASC 1927 BOWLING TEAM COP TROPHY



Reading from left to right: Lt. Col. Geo. Munteanu, Commanding Officer at the Presidio of San Francisco; Sgt. R. L. Stevenson, manager of the team bringing home the trophy; Sgt. S. Lansdale, Sgt. A. Hargrens, Pvt. R. Gaffke, Cpl. Crane. The men participated in the 825 City Summer League at the Broadway Bowl. They had a fine season and were nosed out of the championship by one game. High point man for the team was Pvt. Gaffke with an average of 174, and all of the others were close to him. Lt. Col. Munteanu congratulated the men on their fine showing. The prized trophy now rests on the desk of Capt. Elmer Dry, Commanding Officer of CASC, 1927.

Harwa, Egyptian Q.M., Found Unable To Take 'Ribbing'

Twenty-eight hundred years ago Harwa was a member of the Q.M. of the Egyptian Temples Company. Something happened to Harwa and the old adhesive tape was applied. He is a mummy. He was loaned by the Field Museum to the New York's World Fair. Maybe you saw him? The mummy is placed in front of a fluoroscope. This enables one to have what the psychiatrists call "insight"? No?

A careful inspection of Harwa's erstwhile house reveals that he was not a victim of arthritis. He did have some sort of tooth trouble, a disease largely to be found among the candy eating wealthy classes. His was a pampered diet. But the real clue to his joining the order of the Egyptian Mummies lies in the fact that the twelfth left rib is missing. Was he born without a rib Anyway, he had a backbone, we know. It does seem that more than likely, he had been a victim of "ribbing." It is just possible that as keeper of the Q.M. he was unable to satisfy the needs of everybody and there was complaining and Harwa "couldn't take it."

But after all Harwa was only 25 years old. He was doubtless in his first enlistment.

'Back to Nature'

These are times for economy. A number of patients have been seen (and heard) chewing gum. One of the nurses on P-1 (the women's ward) was worried. What to do about it? Suggestion has been made to petition the General to have the gardener plant a row of gum trees in the pavilion. The patients can then climb into the trees and enjoy them. Cheaper, yes, and a more natural setting.

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INTERESTING PROGRAMS ASSURED PATIENTS OF LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

The entertainment and recreation for patients undergoing treatment at Letterman General Hospital is a matter of personal concern to our Commanding General, Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, and with the encouragement of his active support the hospital may be proud of the programs arranged for the leisure hours of convalescent and ambulant patients.

The American Red Cross, through its department of Military Welfare Service, has the privilege of arranging entertainment features, and the supervision of activities in our Recreation Center is the allotted task of Mrs. Isabel E. McCullough, who is the only permanent recreation worker on the Letterman Red Cross staff. She is also assisted by members of the Corps of Volunteer Grey Ladies from the San Francisco Red Cross Chapter, who are very generous with their time and talents in the programs offered our patients. Miss McCullough has the unique distinction of having declined appointment as one of the six army camp hostesses at Fort Ord, a position for which there were more than 4,000 applicants.

The Recreation Center building on the hospital grounds was constructed by the Red Cross at a cost of $30,000 and opened for use on June 1, 1919. The facilities have been kept in constant repair and only recently the Post Quartermaster provided for complete renovation of the interior. There are card tables and comfortable chairs scattered about the main auditorium which will seat 400 for the moving picture and stage presentations.

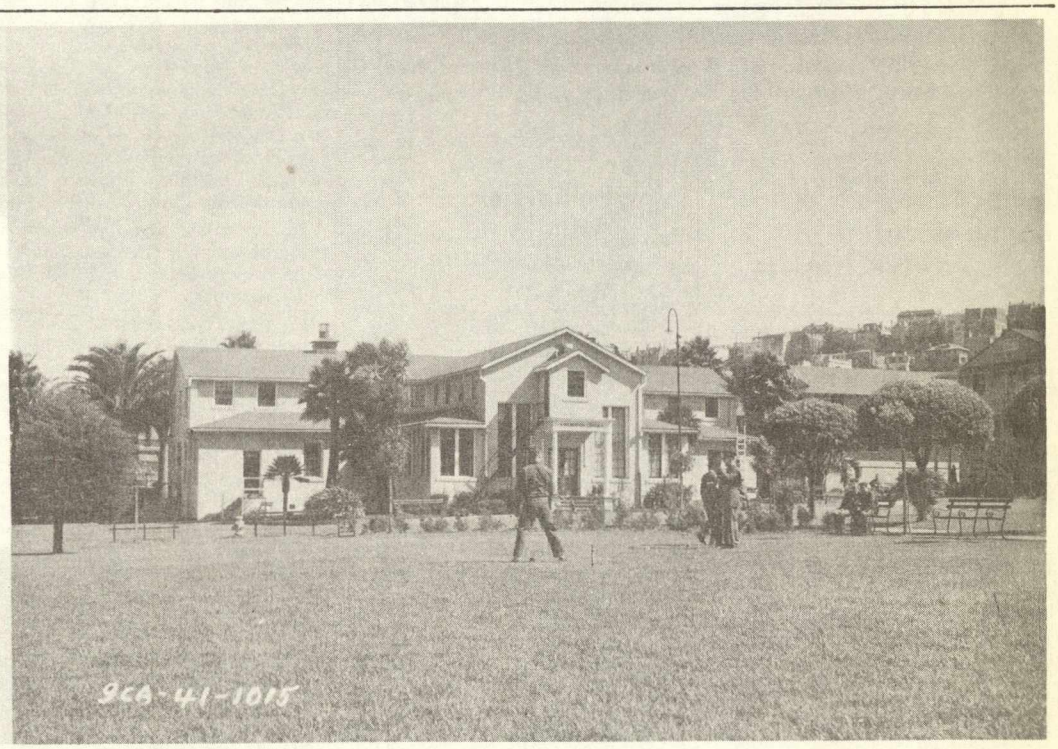
A luxury model radio-phonograph —the gift of Kay Kyser—has a prominent place on the stage and there are three pianos in different rooms where the musically inclined may indulge their tastes. Playing cards, chess, and checkers are available on request as well as paddles and balls for table tennis. The devotees of barnyard golf — horseshoes — have two courts in the rear of the building and nearby is a nine hole putting course, while the croquet addicts have the wide sweeping lawn in front of the building for their playground.

There are no closed doors to the patients. The place is theirs and they are helped to feel perfectly at home.

In addition to the Recreation Center there is a solarium in the main section of the hospital where patients who cannot make the distance to the Center may play games or listen to the radio or visit with friends. Here again the Volunteer Grey Ladies help the men pass the long days and they are ably assisted by three recreation leaders furnished by the WPA. Mr. Glen A. Runyan, Mr. William C. Sherman, and Mr Willis G. West have made many personal friends among the patients by their contacts in this connection

An innovation recently introduced has been the work of the Grey Ladies on the wards. Miss Mary Weil is the pioneer in this field, and her efforts have been rewarded by generous expressions of satisfaction from the patients who are bedfast. One has only to accompany Miss Weil down the long line of beds to understand how highly her work is valued.

The Educational and Recreational Department of the hospital, which has supervision of recreation for the enlisted duty personnel, extends the fullest cooperation and despite the necessary overlapping of their respective fields there is no competition. The E. & R. gives freely to the Red Cross in the interest of the patients. The work of the American Red Cross at Letterman is under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Lovell, Field Director, and Miss Patricia Cummings, Assistant Field Director.



Exterior view of the Recreation Center, Letterman General Hospital, with croquet lawn shown in the foreground. —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

About 35 per cent of Egypt's wool production was consumed by the domestic carpet and blanket manufacturing industries last year, compared with 10 per cent in 1939.



Miss Isabel E. McCullough, Supervisor in charge of Recreation and Entertainment for the patients at Letterman General Hospital.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Democracy at Work Demonstrated in U. S. Army Chapels

With the dedication in October of many chapels at widely separated Army camps throughout the country, the War Department's program to erect more than 550 edifices for the religious needs of soldiers is nearing completion.

Democracy at work is exemplified in these new chapels which will be used by Catholics, Jews, and Protestants. In fact, each of these religious groups has dedicated the chapels.

Among the newest chapels to be dedicated this month is a $23,000 building at Fort Cronkhite, Calif.

In the south, Camp Roberts dedicated six new regimental chapels. The choirs for these houses of worship are directed by Selectees; electric organs provide the musical accompaniment and sometimes the camp glee clubs sing for the candlelight evening services.

In preparation for the time that the chapel building schedule is finished, the Chief of Chaplains, Col. William R. Arnold, has announced that hymnals for religious services have been distributed both for the soldiers in the field and in camp.

This book is entitled "The Hymnal, Army and Navy," is regarded by qualified reviewers as a fine accomplishment in the literature of worship. Within its covers are songs for Protestants, the Catholic Stations of the Cross and the Hebrew Kiddush, that each soldier may have at hand the essentials of his own faith.

What Pacifism Did

Private Edison Aymond of Louisiana knows his animals. He can tell them forward and backward. By "backward" we mean their history and development. Animal archeology is one of Edison's specialties. "You know," says he, "that many, many years ago the continents of North and South America were connected with Australia." At that time the Kangaroo roamed far, wide and handsome, everywhere. He lived here in Louisiana as well as in Melbourne and Sidney. Now, at that time geological ages ago, there came along an "all out war" and the animals got into it. That is, some of them did. One section of the Kangaroos refused to fight. No sir, they just wouldn't and what happened? They became pacifists. Gradually the gulf separating them from Australia became longer physically as well as psychologically. The Kangaroo pacifists here in Louisana and the United States kept on in pacifism. These Kangaroos changed somewhat. They lost the "hop" of life and among all the animals are outstanding pacifists today. They are now known as Opossums or in more local language just "possums." Now Edison knows this. Another bit of animal lore gleaned from the study of animal history concerns the racoon. Interesting chap is this raccoon. Have you seen one lately? Note the blindfold jigger he wears over his eyes. There is history here. The raccoon has been famous for his incognito appearance. Yes, he is the originator of an old southern custom known as the K. K. K. He didn't have a robe but he did have the eye

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USO BUILDINGS TO BE STARTED SOON

Lump sum contracts in the amount of $633,433 have been let, and construction in most instances has already begun on eleven United Service Organizations recreation buildings in the Ninth Zone during the last eight days, it was announced at the office of the Ninth Zone Construction Quartermaster in San Francisco today.

Exerting every effort to have thirty-five scheduled U.S.O. centers complete and ready for use by Army men before Christmas, the Zone office has despatched representatives to various parts of the West Coast, where arrangements for sites and supervision of construction are being made with record-breaking speed.

Invitations to bid have been sent to a selected list of contractors, and in many cases notices to start work have been issued on the same date the contract is awarded. All contracts carry clauses that construction is to be completed within sixty days, with heavy penalties provided for each day that the contractor exceeds the deadline.

All materials and equipment are to be procured to the maximum extent from dealers in the vicinity of construction.

President Roosevelt's order of September 26, 1941, turned the construction of U. S. O. buildings over to the Construction Division of The Quartermaster General, taking the job from the Federal Works Agency. Since then the Construction Division has obtained practically all the necessary real estate, approved the plans and begun construction of the centers.

Following are contracts awarded to date by the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster for U. S. O. construction. Five of the contracts are for Type A buildings which are 160 feet long and 90 feet wide. The other six are for the smaller building. Awards for renovations jobs have not yet been made.

San Rafael, Calif.—Contractors, Noilson, Ervertrot, Sommers, San Francisco, Amount $44,285. Awarded October 17, 1941.

Salinas, Calif.—Contractors, Ford J. Twaits, Los Angeles, Amount $85,-153. Awarded October 16, 1941.

Paso Robles, Calif.—Contractor F. C. Stolte, Pacific Grove, California. Amount $67,827. Awarded October 16, 1941.

San Luis Obispo ,Calif.—Contractor, F. C. Stolte, Pacific Grove, California. Amount $68,127. Awarded October 16, 1941.

Victorville, California. — Contractor, Frank Pinkerton, Corona, California. Amount $39,685, Awarded October 16, 1941.

King City, Calif.—Contractor, K. E. Parker Co., San Francisco. Amount $40,703. Awarded October 17, 1941.

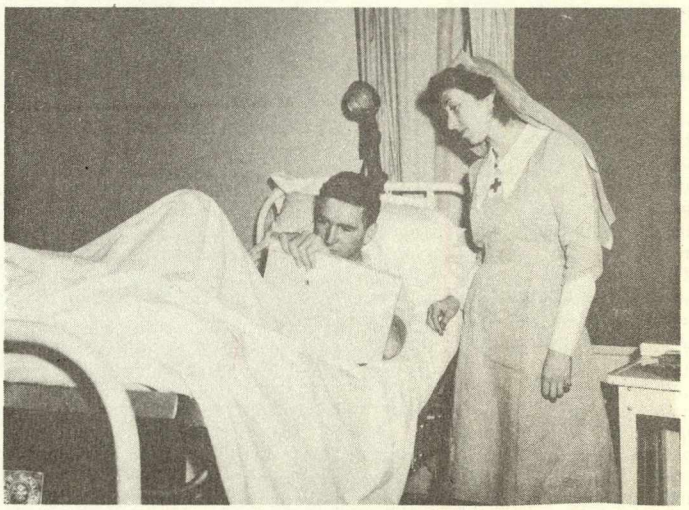
Hawthorne, Nevada — Contractor, Ludwig & Flyge, Reno, Nevada. Amount $41,200. Awarded October 17, 1941.

Taft, Calif.—Contractor, A. J. Hendricks, Bakersfield, Calif. Amount $41,993. Awarded October 17, 1941.

Chula Vista, Calif.—Contractors, L. C. Anderson & R. E. Dawn, San Diego, Calif. Amount $41,190 Awarded October 18, 1941.

Lancaster & Englewood, Calif.—Contractor, Eschenich Bros., Los Angeles, Calif. Amount $101,780. Awarded October 18, 1941.

RECREATION VALUABLE THERAPEUTIC



Miss Mary Weil, Volunteer Gray Lady, supervising wood cutting by Corporal James A. Laing.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

SERGEANT WARD HAS GOOD RECORD



Master Sergeant Thomas Clifford Ward, U. S. Army.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Master Sergeant Thomas Clifford was born at Beatrice, Nebraska, a hamlet about forty miles south of Lincoln and enlisted in the Army in March, 1928, at Fort McArthur. His first station was with the 11th Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey where he remained for almost one year before coming to Letterman General Hospital in 1929. He left here for a tour of duty at Fort Mills in the Philippines for two years and returned to Letterman in 1934 where he has remained to date. Prior too his Philippine tour he was with the Surgical Service but since 1934 he has been Assistant to the Mess Officer.

Sergeant Ward was married in 1936 to Miss Mary Denton Fancher of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have no children.

Sergeant Ward's ability as an athlete is well known. He has played football, baseball, and basketball. Is now specializing in the middle-age athletic activity of golf. He has a three state handicap which puts him in the top bracket of local amateurs and for the next few weeks he hopes he will be a participant in the round for the Harding Park Championship.

In the discharge of his official duties Sergeant Ward has supervision over 44 soldiers and 200 civilians, making up the personnel of the Mess Department of this hospital. On him, in large measure, falls the program of planning and serving 6,000 meals a day. The healthy appearance of our duty personnel and the eagerness with which convalescent patients line up before the mess hall are indications that Sergeant Ward is doing an excellent job.

In our Army military policemen, like civilian police, are expected to know all the answers. These Army cops have been called upon to dislodge kittens from trees, mind babies and a dozen other items not in the military book of rules.

On duty with the 34th Military Police company at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, is Private Donald O'Day of Winona, Minnesota, who has answered many questions both for soldiers and civilians. But the latest stumped him.

A woman drove up to his post, stopped her car and inquired:

"Have you seen my husband? He wears a little Army cap and has a mustache."

When the Roman emperor, Nero, was young he was "justly praised for his modesty, filial feeling clemency, liberality and affability."



WATCH THAT MAN GERMANY!

Germany wins a watch! He wins prizes so frequently and so easily that he has become a sort of prism of prizes. How does he do it? Drop in on a visit and you will soon see. He is one of the busiest men here at Letterman. His room looks like the editorial room of a city daily. His gray matter is constantly at the desk. He takes a case—he analyzes the problem—he goes to work. The old fountain pen leaves its trail of conquest behind in clear, concise ideas. Germany should have been a sculptor. Not a stroke unnecessary. He creates as he writes. When he writes the written page jumps up and shakes hands with you when you look at it. It then takes a pointer and details the idea so clearly that each word becomes transparent and only the idea is present.

Germany has won over $1,000 in prizes. Small prizes for the most part but in learning how he has won a prize of value, many times the money value of all.

Watch that man Germany. He knows how!

An average of 850 tons of freight per train was hauled by railroads in the U. S. in 1940, the highest on record, and an increase of 31 per cent above 1921.

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EDITORIAL

With this issue we make number ten of volume one of the FOGHORN and we would like to call it a "ten strike" but we continue to keep our fingers crossed for the time being.

During its brief existence the paper has come out on schedule and it appears to have met with approval in the ranks of our readers. At least no anonymous letters have been received by the editor and no one has said anything aloud about a shooting.

It is the desire of the Commanding General—and of the editor—that the paper be of general interest to the personnel of the command and anything in the way of news about our own is grist for our mill. We have no reporters on regular assignment but volunteers are never actually tossed out of the sanctum when they drop in with news items or written articles. They always leave us laughing when they say "goodbye" though we would not be rash enough to believe the smile endures beyond our portals.

The co-operation from all sides has been generous and we would wish to say the same about the circulation. It is not yet possible to have a paper for every individual but that is our goal.

Our advertisers have helped us bear the cost of production and our readers may help by giving them the preference when putting money into circluation.

Your suggestions for improving the paper are still in order and the editor is still accessible under the conditions previously stated.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Miss PEGGY ALT subscribing for a gasoline credit card. Going places, perhaps?

Pvt. HANS CARPUS, all aglow on his walks around the corridors, and maybe it is true that he is engaged to commit matrimony.

Miss ELEANOR MITCHELL, early on Sunday morning, carrying two cartons of empty "coke" bottles back to the PX. Ho hum!

Sgt. CHARLIE ROZAK, back in circulation in his wheel chair and making the rounds of his favorite spots about the quadrangle.

Lieut. ANDREW M. RYAN, the proud papa, passing out the cigars on the arrival of Michael Damien.

Miss ANN BAKALAR, on her feet again with the aid of crutches, and doing all right.

Private First Class, Specialist Fourth Class, "BILL" FULLER, day dreaming about the hunting up at Angels' Camp this season.

Miss BERENICE DE LUCCA wearing a flashing diamond engagement ring acquired over the week-end. The b. f. got his letter from the local draft board so the wedding date is indefinite.

Miss BARBARA WALKER swearing. Not what you think—she was only taking the oath of allegiance on her appointment to the Regular Army.

One afternoon this week in the Recreation Center a patient with his hat off.

MR. SMITH GOES TO WAR

With the First Army in fall maneuvers in North and South Carolina, the war games might well be titled, "Mr. Smith Goes to Carolina." Of the quarter of a million troops, 2203 of them will answer "here" to the name of Smith. That's nearly one out of every hundred men.

Listed with the First Army also are 1240 Johnsons and 1059 Joneses.

Farmer's Frolic Wins Applause of Local Celebrants

The members of the Letterman Officers' Club who attended the Barn Dance last Friday are unanimous in their opinion that this was the most successful of the season's informal social events. The many original, interesting and humorous costumes worn by the officers and ladies presented such a difficult problem for the judges that final decision had to be made by popular acclaim. Prizes were won by a barn yard sheik named Steinhoff and a hill billy siren named Clark. Runners up for men's prizes were a simpleton labeled "Buck Tooth Elmer" Manning, a hayseed hick called Matthews, and a backwoods whatnot by the name of Specker.

In justice to the many ladies who wore original and typical costumes it should be said that the selections of candidates for final decision was extremely difficult and a large number of those not selected should have the pleasure of knowing that they were also eligible. The runners up for the ladies were a demure creation in pink by the name of Potter, a naive Swedish immigrant called Steinhoff and the hired man's wife known as Bagnall.

Highlights in the evening's entertainment were the very very low hurdle race and the derby of imported prancing steeds. Both of these events resulted in symptoms somewhat akin to hysterical laughter on the part of both the entrants and the gallery of onlookers.

The Club is especially indebted to Major Eugene E. Manning and Lieut. Lester J. Sawyer whose original ideas and unsparing effort contributed so much to the success of this party.

ARMY CHURCH ATTENDANCE SET AT 11,600,000

During the year ending June 30, 1941, more than 11,600,000 soldiers attended the 118,990 religious services conducted at Army posts throughout the country, it was reported here by Colonel William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains .

At the beginning of the year, according to Chaplain Arnold, there were 137 chaplains in the Regular Army. At the end of the year there were on active duty 1,330 Regular Army, National Guard, and Reserve chaplains.

The Chief of Chaplains also noted that chaplains made 3,360,000 hospital calls, performed 2,200 marriages, 2,600 baptisms, and conducted 3,100 funerals.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY
October 26, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 a. m.

CAMERA FIENDS URGED TO SEND IN SNAPSHOTS

The response to our offer of a carton of cigarettes for the best picture of the week did not bring out anything in the opinion of the judges that would warrant such rating.

We know there are a lot of good pictures "shot" around here and we wonder why the shooters are holding back. Sorry we cannot afford to raise the "ante" to bring 'em out.

The offer still stands for next week.

TWO OFFICERS WIN PROMOTIONS

News of the promotion of the following named officers has been received from the War Department in Washington:

Captain Robert P. Rea, promoted to Major.

First Lt. Joseph S. McGuiness, promoted to Captain.

Congratulations are extended to the officers on their advancement.

On duty with the 124th Cavalry Regiment is a cook named Martin Roberts, who has an aversion to weak-looking bridges. The other day Cookie Roberts was riding in a kitchen truck driven by Peter Udemi.

As the truck neared an old bridge Cookie ordered it stopped. "I'll walk across," he explained.

Private Udemi drove ahead without mishap. Cook Roberts started to walk. He had just a few steps to go when his foot went through a rotten plank, skinning his shin.

Strength of Command

Following is the strength of command as of October 21, 1941:

Officers	**125**
Nurses	**130**
Enlisted Men	**704**
Patients	**1,343**
Grand Total	**2,302**

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The detachment supply office finally received another man to augment to its small staff, uncurred because of the discharge of Private William B. Gambril. The additional worker is Private Owen C. Campbell, transferred on Monday, October 20, 1941, from the Letterman General Hospital.

Campbell has had experience in clerical work before and will prove an important asset in the running of the detachment supply.

Private Allen Crampton, assistant instructor of the X-ray school, took advantage of a three-day pass and visited the home of his parents in Southern California. This was Crampton's first trip home since his induction into the army—eight months ago!

Private First Class William B. Gambril, supply detachment clerk, for the past seven months, was discharged on Friday, October 17, 1941. He was among the first men to help organize these schools and was well liked by all of the men.

Two promotions occurred this week in the detachment. Private First Class John R. Terrell, assistant instructor of pharmacy, was rated 4th class specialist. Private Robert J. Ransom, also an assistant instructor of pharmacy, was appointed private first class.

The detachment's great sportsman, Hilmer Fauske, took advantage of the opening of duck season, and went hunting in the swamps, a little past Sacramento, Calif. According to him, there were too many duck hunters there, and he had given up hope of bagging any game, so he began to devote his mind on other things of interest.

The main attraction was the club watchman's daughter, who happened to be nearby. Fauske was doing quite a nice job of romancing her, when suddenly there flew an immense flock of ducks overhead. Fauske grabbed his old musket and fired, bringing down a couple of large sized ducks. Was he surprised! And him in such a romantic and emotional mood!!

It appears that all the ballyhoo that Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, assistant instructor of the X-ray school, received last week, did not turn out to be so fruitful. He did buy a present all right, but it was not for any girl. He said he bought it for his best sweetheart—his mother!

Lieutenant Colonel Willis D. Butler, former director of these schools, was a week-end visitor at the schools this week. He visited all his friends here and reported getting along fine at the 153rd Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif.

Gravy Train Is Here—Peerless Picker Tells How

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

Twelve out of 14 for last week; 22 out of 24. Get rich quick by following the recommendations of your peerless picker. Of course, the $10 special went slightly awry but at that it was fairly close. Northwestern put up a tough fight. They outplayed Michigan in every statistical branch except the score. Gus the Barber has decided that football is not his forte and hereafter he will stick to horses. In order to recuperate from the loss on my $10 special I am now offering a $25 special. Well, here goes again. First, starting with the special.

Minnesota	6	Michigan	7
Ohio State	14	Northwestern	7
Army	19	Columbia	0
Stanford	14	Washington	7
U. S. C.	6	California	0
Oregon	19	U. C. L. A.	6
Oregon State	14	Wash. State	7
Texas	19	Rice	0
Fordham	27	Tex. Christian	0
Duke	45	Pitt	0
Santa Clara	7	Oklahoma	0
Notre Dame	14	Illinois	0

News from Atlanta From Miss Langley

Miss Lelia Langley, who was until her recent transfer on duty as an Occupational Therapy Aide at Letterman General Hospital, writes back to report her arrival at Lawson General Hospital. Miss Langley informs us that Lawson is a lot larger than Letterman, well equipped with the latest facilities for her work and she is happy in her new surroundings. Not the least among the pleasant features of her present environment is the absence of fog and she says: "Georgia is nice and warm."

Industrial output in the United States is just double that in the middle of 1938, when it had reached about the point which prevailed throughout the period of the first World War, according to the Department of Commerce.

STUBBY SHAKES HANDS WITH GENERAL A PLEASANT PLACE TO RELAX

Visitors to Letterman from Santa Cruz. Stubby here for over the week-end.

Miss Frances Reanier, one of our very popular and efficient young nurses, has a very interesting chow dog by the name of Stubby. Let us tell you a bit about Stubby. He is not a mere hound or at any rate he is a hound with a college education! Honest truly. Stubby attended two colleges. St. Helen's Junior College, Portland, Oregon, and San Jose State. He got his degree from the latter. But what did he learn in college? Well, he learned to shake hands. He is good at it. He was popular at college! You know, many people learn nothing more at college than that. Then, too, Stubby is a very good dog. How do we know? Why it's easy. He says prayers. Miss Reanier asked him to do it and he did. We noted that while the prayer was going on Stubby had one eye uncovered and he had it fixed on a chocolate that was expected with the "amen" moment. All this is part of a college education, you know. When Stubby visited Letterman he asked to see the Post Exchange. He was informed that the Post cuisine is one of the best. So he ordered an ice cream cone. Another college trick!



MISS FRANCES REANIER AND "STUBBY"

Stubby was born in Redwood City on Labor Day. There was a labor strike going on at the time and Stubby's mother didn't approve, apparently, and was poisoned when Stubby was but three days old. Miss Reanier got her first lesson in nursing right then and there. The technique was the old eye dropper system, (before the days of intravenous). Stubby survived and is a tribute to the good care he got in his infancy.

Stubby has hobbies—he swims and enjoys the auto. He travels—has been to Denver. He says Denver "tops them all," 5280 feet high. He runs also. Miss Reanier says his speed is 20 miles per hour for two blocks.

His pet aversion is cats! But Miss Reanier has a cat, also, a black cat at that! We should like to meet the cat. His name is Nichodemus—so named because he goes walking at night. Stubby is very friendly with "Nick." They even eat out of the same dish—at different occasions, no doubt.

Miss Reanier says that since Stubby is now in the army he is learning to salute. The army term "chow" seems to be native to him and he likes the army chow and how!

Fifty-seven million workers in factory, office and field and their families now own 87 million industrial insurance policies, 11 million group insurance certificates and more than 20 million ordinary insurance policies, making an aggregate of 119,000,000 policies, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

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During the past week there have been two additional appointments to the nursing staff at this hospital.

Miss Florence Medin was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and took up professional training at the Morningside Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she was graduated in 1937. She has served on the staff of the Pawhuska City Hospital in Oklahoma and the San Joaquin Hospital, Bakersfield. She has more recently been on duty at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco.

Miss Maryelizabeth Abbott was born at Creston, Iowa, and trained at the Jennie Edmondson Memorial Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa. She has specialized in obstretical nursing and has served on the staffs of the German Lutheran Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska, the Community Hospital, Pomona, the Herman Jones Clinic, Long Beach, and the San Joaquin General Hospital at French Camp near Stockton.

Miss Eunice Byrd, who was formerly stationed at Letterman, was a visitor here this week. She has been on leave from her new post at Santa Barbara, California.

Miss Kathryn (Kim) Gauhn visited Letterman this week. She was transferred from this post to Hoff General Hospital at Santa Barbara last spring and is on final leave following her resignation.

Misses Mary J. Reppak and Ann Williams are temporarily at Letterman en route to the Philippine Islands.

Miss Adah Van Oss is enjoying a vacation with friends at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Misses Frances Wagner and Jean Ferguson, on leave from Letterman, are visiting friends at Carmel, California.



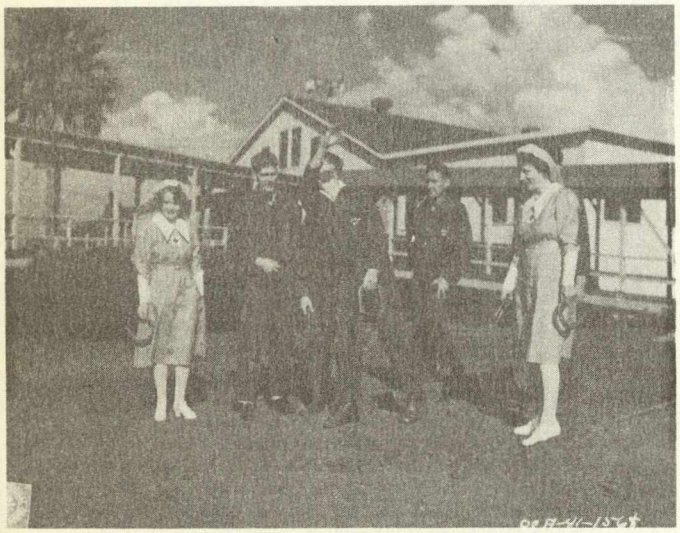
To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Warren A. Minton, 26th Cavalry, Fort Stotsenburg, P. I., a daughter, Judith Ann, October 15.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Manuel Carlin, Hq. 9th A.B. Sq., Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a son, Andy, October 15.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Overby, 77th Pur. Sq., Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Rebecca Elaine, October 15.

To Lt. and Mrs. Andrew Ryan, at Mary's Help Hospital, a son, Michael Damien, October 17.

There's plenty of nuisance value to old-fashioned match-lighting kitchen ranges. CP gas ranges eliminate all that by providing automatic lighting for all burners—even those in ovens and broilers.



Mrs. William H. Carruthers and Mrs. Frederick Linde tossing horseshoes with patients. The ladies are members of the Volunteer Gray Ladies Corps of the American Red Cross.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

GRAY LADY WINS DIPLOMA



Mrs. Arthur Friedberg is shown here receiving her diploma from Brigadier General Wallace De Witt. Mrs. Friedberg recently completed her training course for the Volunteer Gray Ladies at Letterman General Hospital.

—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Q. M. NEWS

The detachment will enjoy Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, at an overnight camp at Mt. Diablo State Park providing the weather permits. A good time has been arranged for all those attending. In the event of inclement weather the trip will be postponed until a later date. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

A basketball team is being formed to represent the detachment in the forthcoming season. Lieutenant Daley now stationed at Fort Mason has offered his services as coach. Lieutenant Daley completed four years at Stanford University as a member of the varsity team. All men interested are requested to contact Sgt. Brown.

Mr. Thomas F. Fanning, one of our civilian employes, has announced that the stork paid a visit to his home and left a bundle containing a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations, Tom!

Staff Sgt. Charles Mehr has been admitted to the hospital to undergo a minor operation. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Charlie.

What two members of the detachment were seen sitting in an ice cream parlor on Chestnut Street the other night about 6 p. m.? The ice cream must have been a special treat for at 11:00 p. m. the same two were still sitting. Of course, it couldn't have been the girls working at the ice cream counter who were being much amused and entertained. It's OK Hughes and Wojciechowski you don't have to blush about it.

Conservatively estimated, there are about 10,000 Government employees in Washington concerned with housing construction.

During the present fiscal year, the Federal Government plans to spend at an average of $2,000,000,000 a month, while taking in only $1,000,000,000 a month.

MEDICAL DETACH

On or about November 12th ten inductee members of this detachment will be transferred from the active to the reserve corps. The men are: Privates Ira B. Carlton, Norbert E. Cord, John W. Dean Jr., Douglas L. Gabb, Marion V. Isla, Cornelius L. Heyroth, Moon J Lee, Donald A. Paquin, Joseph Willer and Marshall H. Rogers.

Congratulations to: Bert A. Selberg and Jerome C. Johnson who were appointed Corporals; and to Charles K. Anthony, Christopher F. Gannon, Joseph A. Eastenovich, Norbert E. Cord, Warren A. Rake and Chester J. White who were appointed Privates First Class.

The hue and cry goes out,—"why don't we hear from the fellows back at Officers training school?" I don't believe they have forgotten you, fellows. I believe they are just BUSY.

Pvt. Walker and Crowe have finally been smitten in the region of the heart. Huh!!! And they were women haters.

Corporal "Windy" West astounded members of the detachment one day by calmly announcing that he had just won $1,600.00. "Yep,' he said, "I played poker with seven blind men and had to tell them what was in their hands." That's what we like about "Windy" . . . . never a dull moment.

It is hard to say what will happen to the morale of Ward C-1 since "Windy" has become an appendectomy patient. Hurry and get out of there, "Windy" . . . . if they can't put up with you, we can.

On October 18, eleven new men were added to the roster of the Detachment enlisted personnel. They were transferred from the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Grant, Illinios. We extend a welcome to these men. They are: Owen C. Campbell, Marshal Hughes, Leonard F. Scatterlee, Joseph A. Konieczny, Robert P. Desmond, Thomas E. Fletcher, Malcom E. Massey, Loyal L. Jackson, Albert M. Hansen, John H. Schrmsher, Kyle O. Smith.

According to Sgt. John (6576620) "Bull" Saurwein, Miss Anne Nutini is quite capable of worrying for the entire Unit Personnel. "Worry, worry, worry,' grumbles "Bull" Saurwein. 'Why can't Sgt. Martin stay away from her for just a little while? But then love is like that I guess. The first thing she will know it will be farewell! Clieste! and God's speed for a fact if she isn't careful."



The men of Co. G, 30th Infantry, are sorry at losing their company commander, 1st Lieut. Arthur F. Gorham, who has been with G company for the past year. Lieut. Gorham has been ordered to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for duty with the parachute battalion troops at that location, on October 11. Lieut. Gorham graduated from West Point in 1938 and has since that time always been attached to the 30th Infantry. All of the men of his past command wish the lieutenant the best of success in his new location and hope that he may soon again be back with the 30th. They also extend a welcome to their new company commander, 1st Lieut. Davies.

Pvt. C. D. Green of Co. C, 58th Q.M. regiment, who was one of 18 men to be discharged on September 25, was married on September 28 to Miss Gertrude Stuebe of Danville, Illinois, at St. Paul's Church in San Francisco. After the ceremony a reception was held at 1515 Broadway, at which 30 members of Co. C attended, to extend congratulations and wish the bride and groom the best. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable party was had by everyone. The couple are leaving in a few days to make their home in Chciago.

Headquarters company, 30th Infantry, played their first ball game yesterday at Funston Park against a team from the Simmons Mattress Co., winning the game with a score of 2-1. Under the direction of Manager Sgt. Ramsey, and with the pitching of Christoffer, the team played a good, hard and fast game, and are now looking toward other teams to conquer.

This company also reports the loss of four good men as selectees coming under the 28 year ruling, who will be discharged Tuesday, September 30: Pvts. Iverson, Ladd, Forslund, and Noel.

What does an army officer think of an enlisted man? This was a question put to Chaplain Delmar L. Dyreson of the 30th Infantry one day by an enlistee who had come to the office for counseling. "I am confident that it can be said, that the army officer has the utmost respect for the average enlisted man," said Chaplain Dyreson. "Probably a great many enlisted men do not realize the high regard in which they are held by their superiors because of their ability, ambition, and their personal qualities. Some indication of the high degree of respect in which enlisted men are held by officers is demonstrated every now and then by the fact that each year certain candidates for commissions are chosen from among the ranks. Here and there on army posts, one may note streets, buildings, and monuments, named for commissioned and non-commissioned officers and for enlisted men as well. Men are respected because they are men having character, judgment and personalities worthy of respect. I believe that this evidences the democratic spirit which prevails in the American Army."

Three men from the 30th Infantry regiment have been selected for the Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and by this time are on their way in order to report there by October 24. These men selected on a competitive and acknowledgement of ability basis are: Corp. Meed of Co. C, and Corps. Palmer T. Beaudette, and Clarence J. VanVelkinburgh of Co. G.

Turner, McFadden and Wilson
Went out to the races to win sum,
But they didn't win,
And now they are grim,
And————————.

Who can fill in the last line of this gimerick? I wonder.

We have been asked: Who the 9th Corps Area sweetheart is that Sgt. George Edwards buys coffee for in the P. X. Grill every morning?

If the weather is so much better in Arkansas at this time of the year to bring on such an acute case of homesickness as Sgt. Masterson has?

If it is true there will be marriage bells for Sgt. Niemeyer on November 1.

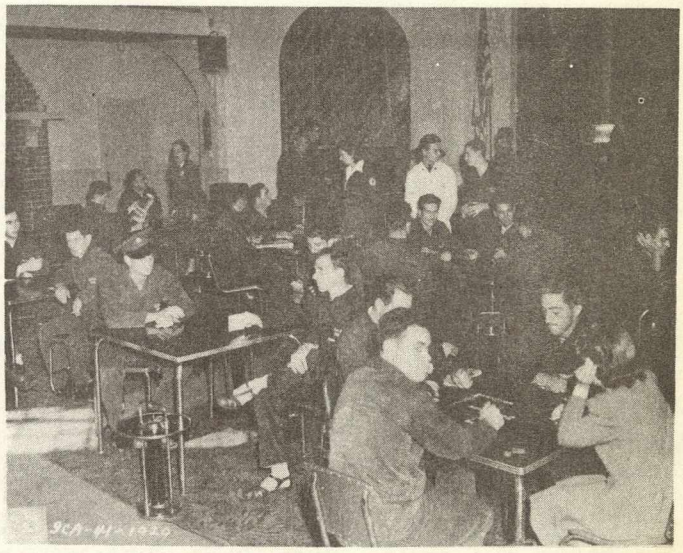
If Sgt. Ryback will reenlist when he is discharged on the 23rd of the month?

If the Charles Anthony of the Presidio marrying a Salt Lake girl is our Charles K. Anthony?

WHAT PACIFISM DID

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pieces. You knew that the initials K. K. K. means "Koons Keep Kliming." Edisons says the raccoon is one of the smartest of animals. He is versatile. He is ambidextrous, amphibian. By adjusting his eye piece he is able to see night or day. Edison says a passle of good hound dogs (mind you, no "boone dogling" here) and a good moonlight night in the tall timber of Louisiana, a coon just wont stop climbing up a tree, a tall one, and if there is the right sort of "moonshine" that coon will sometimes climb right up on the moon itself. Then is when to shoot. When Edison returns to Louisiana we aim to visit him some day and learn more of the facts about nature.



This interior view of the Recreation Center is proof that the men of the United States Army know how to relax.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Sam Smith Pens a Letter to Brother, Willie, in Arkansas

Mr. Willie Smith,
Burr City, Ark.

Dere Bud:

Today they let me get up out of bed and walk around the ward and the first thing I dun wuz to look around to see whut it looked like.

At the frunt is a long hall with rooms like mine on each side for a ways. Then in the back of this there is a room as big as our new barn with a lot of beds and a slough of sick soldiers in them. They say they got lots more of these wards and if they is as meny soldiers in the others as this the whole army must be sick. Then behind this big room is a nice parlor with seats like in the dentists office in Burr City. Off to the side of the parlor is a big wash room with two baths in it.They aint going to git me to take two baths at wunce even if I am up. They also got sum nice face bowls to wash yore face and a special bowl to wash yore teeth. Then on one side they got sum places to wash yore feet. They got a folding top on them so you can sit down to pull off yore shoes and then you get up and wash yore feet off. They shore are nise.

I looked at this and then cum back up frunt and went in a room I thought wuz where I had been but it wuzn't. There wuz two soldiers in it and I talked to them and then decided I would visit them all and cheer them up. I went to another and it had a sign saying "Diet Kitchen" on the door. I don't know why they call it "Diet Kitchen" unless its cuz if you eat much you will die. Since I got better I get kinda hungry and they don't feed me much at a time. It looked just like a regular kitchen but I just glanced at it. I got outa there before sumbody came along with sum dirty dishes and ast me to wash them. Then I went to another room and it wuz a office. I looked aroun and seen a iron book with my name on it. I thought it wuz a souvenier they wuz going to give me when I left so I looked at it and the nurse cum in. I thought she liked me but she shore wuz mad today. She ast me whut wuz I doing in the Dr.'s office and looking at my chart. I guess they wanted to surprize me with it and she didn't want me to know they had bought it for me. Enyway before I could tell her I hadn't read it yet she made me get out. I want to tell her tomorrow that when they give it to me I'll ack surprized just like I hadn't seen it and then she wont be mad no more.

Your brother,
Sam

Casaba Spirit Is Showing Definite Desire for Quintet

With the 1941-42 basketball season steadily drawing closer, enthusiasm toward a Letterman basketball team is definitely on the upgrade. This is upheld by the fact that with each successive practice the turnout increases. Of the original six men turning out for practice the squad has grown to 14 men, and is showing plenty of ability and promise.

In three recent practice sessions the squad has undergone scrimmages with the Western Pacific Railroad and Fort Mason teams. On all three occasions the Letterman squad has shown their superiority by severely trouncing both teams. It is worth mentioning that these scrimmages came off when the opposing teams were fresh . . . Letterman had used them to top off an hour and a half workout.

The squad is made up of men from all parts of the country. Men who have played under any number of systems and under any number of coaches. It is difficult to change a style of playing that has been pounded into them season after season and still have a good ball club, but they are doing it and doing it well. All the men are losing that extra layer of epidermis around their waist and some of them can actually run two blocks without falling into a dead faint. Prohibitoin has set in and most of the men are putting fewer nails in their coffins. The brave men who are getting up an honest sweat each Monday and Wednesday night are really cooperating and a swell ball team is in the making. To date practice has uncovered five forwards in Pvt. Art Anderson, Sgt. George Edwards, Corporal "Windy" West, Corporal "Bub" Glassner, and Pvt. Joe Eastonovich; a couple of centers in Pvt. "Swisher" Pascal, and Pvt. "Butcher" Fuller; and five rugged guards in Corporal "Killer" Morey, Pvt. Jimmy Gust, Sgt. Herby Goldstein, and the Gold Dust Twins, Pvt. Bob Botsetch and Pvt. Bob Capdevielle.

Arrangements have been made with the San Francisco Recreation Commission for placing the team in a city-wide league and several early season games have been planned with junior colleges, college frosh, and local high school teams .

When these games roll around it's a safe bet that Letterman will be on the long end of the score—and often.

Goolsby (nodding toward lady passing)—Now there's a woman who makes the little things count.

Zimpir—What does she do?

Goolsby—She teaches arithmetic in our grade school.

MILITARY ORDER OF GUARDS LACK WAR DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

The Military Order of Guards is an irregular organization and is not recognized by the War Department, it was announced today at the headquarters of Brigadier General Arthur W. Lane, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

It is the War Department's belief that there are ample opportunities for all patriotic citizens to integrate their activities into organizations sponsored by Federal, State, or local authorities. Organizations attempting to parallel or simulate the activities of the military or civil defense program, however well intentioned, must inevitably result in unnecessary and unjustifiable duplication of effort, the announcement continued.

The Secretary of War, as of January 17, 1941, rescinded the authorization previously given the Military Order of Guards to wear the uniform. Therefore, at the present time the use of the uniform and insignia of the United States Army by the Military Order of Guards or similar organizations is a violation of the statute for the protection of the uniform. This statute (Section 125, Act of June 3, 1916, as amended) reads in part as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person not an officer or enlisted man of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, to wear the duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or any distinctive part of such uniform, or a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of the duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps."

Any representations that may be made by members of the Military Order of Guards that the organization now has War Department approval or that membership in the organization will lead to preferential treatment in the military service are wholly unauthorized.

According to the announcement, the statement was made by Army authorities to counteract publicity tending to mislead patriotic citizens into believing that the activities of the Military Order of Guards have the approval of the War Department.

Marathon Runner On Job Here at Letterman Hospital

Louis Silverfield, a civilian employe, found on Ward 4, is champion cross country runner. In 1922 he won a championship marathon while he was a soldier here at the Presidio. There were 28 men in that memorable run—the best long distance runners available—and Louis showed them the clean heel operation. Silverfield's specialty is the one- and two-mile circuit but when it comes to doing a marathon he just merely opens the throttle and off he goes. No chapter in all history is more interesting than the one 2431 years ago when that young Greek carried the news to Athens from the battlefield of Marathon. Silverfield could have done it in 1922 and lived. Maybe he could do it even now. Athletics usually teach men the importance of keeping fit and to be in training at all times. We are glad Silverfield is with us again and feel sure that he will again win his letter at good old Letterman.

American Soldiers Are Dutiful Sons

At first glance, there doesn't seem to be much connection between a postage stamp and child rearing. Post office statistics from army camps indicate the American boy has been reared to be a dutiful son, regardless of the methods followed in his upbringing.

Using the figures of Chanute Field, Illinois, where 1,900 cadets are being trained for the army Air Corps, it has been shown that the men in khaki swamp the post office with purhcases of stamps, post cards and money orders following pay day. More than 30,000 post cards, 10,000 stamp books and 100,000 three cent stamps were sold last month at Chanute.

The outstanding interest centers on the money orders. More than 3,000 of these vital slips were mailed out in the first three days of the month. And three quarters of the money orders were sent by the soldiers, **to their mothers.**

At the Presidio the other day a Military Policeman reported to the Station Hospital for treatment. A receiving clerk asked the usual questions, made notations on a card and sent the M.P. to the surgeon.

Seating the soldier in a chair the doctor told him to open his mouth.

"Say Ah," said the medical man. "This card says tonsilectomy, but I don't see a thing wrong with your tonsils," he added.

"Neither do I, doc," replied the Military Policeman. "I thought your eyes were pretty good when you can examine my toe through the throat . . . I've got an ingrown toenail."

Again the surgeon looked at the card. The receiving clerk had coined a word . . . Toeilectomy.

THE FOG HORN

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Presidio Red Cross To Have New Home In Near Future

Colonel E. M. George, Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster, announced in San Francisco today approval of a Red Cross building to be built shortly at the Presidio of San Francisco, the first of 12 such headquarters to be constructed under Army supervision at various West Coast Army posts.

While the buildings are to be financed and staffed by the Red Cross, the Office of the Zone Constructing Quartermaster is furnishing technical advice and revising basic plans to conform with local types of architecture.

The Spanish Rancho building designed for the Presidio by Major G. E. Smith, Architect for the Zone Office, generally sets the style for other buildings in this area. An attractive red tile roofed, one-story white stucco building, with its deep revealed windows, shed-roof type portico, it will be 91 feet wide and 46 feet deep. Ornamental grilles, colorful redwood shutters and a concrete garden wall add an authentic note to the building.

The site chosen is located near the historic Officers' Club at the south end of the Parade Grounds, overlooking the Golden Gate. From all sides the Red Cross, embedded in cement in the chimney, will be clearly visible.

The structure will contain offices in one wing, living quarters for Red Cross personnel in an opposite wing, a reception room and lecture room with a studio window measuring eight by seven and a ralf feet.

Latest type of air conditioning will insure the comfort of all persons using the building in winter and summer.

Designed to house facilities for the Red Cross program of general welfare service for enlisted men, the Presidio building is expected to go

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Colonel William H. Hobson, Commanding Thirtieth Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco.

Lieutenant Ryan Is Transferred

The War Department at Washington has issued orders transferring Lt. Andrew M. Ryan from Letterman General Hospital to duty at the Presidio of Monterey, effective November 1.

Lt. Ryan made his premedical course at the University of California and took his degree in medicine at the Tulane University, New Orleans, La. He was practicing medicine in San Francisco for 10 years prior to entering on extended active duty in June of this year.

Orders have also been received for the transfer of Captain Lester C. Krotcher to Camp Roberts, effective November 1.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

News of the promotion of the following named officers has been received from the War Department in Washington:

Captain Oscar F. Nolan, promoted to Major.

1st Lt. Oscar C. Helming, promoted to Captain.

1st Lt. Robert G. Rate, promoted to Captain.

1st Lt. William S. Bagnall, promoted to Captain.

1st Lt. Arseny K. Hrenoff, promoted to Captain.

1st Lt. C. A. Tavares, promoted to Captain.

Congratulations are extended to the officers on their advancement.

Colonel Hobson Arrives Here To Command 30th Inf.

Realizing a dream he has had ever since graduating from West Point in 1912, Colonel William H. Hobson arrived at the Presidio last week to assume command of the Thirtieth Infantry. Colonel Hobson stated that he has indicated the Presidio of San Francisco as first choice on his preference card for many years, and is therefore extremely happy to at last be sent to this post.

He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Starting his military career 29 years ago as a graduate of West Point Military Academy the Colonel, now 53, is a distinguished graduate of the Command and General Staff School, the Army War College in Washington, D. C., and the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. He has seen service in six regiments besides his foreign duty at Panama, Hawaii, the Philippines and China.

"The Thirtieth Infantry has a great reputation in the service," Colonel Hobson said upon arrival. "It is well equipped with modern weapons, and best of all, it is well liked in San Francisco. It's a great thing for the morale when an outfit is looked upon as part of the community in which it lives."

For the past two years the Colonel has been assistant commandant and director of training at the Army's Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., teaching your officers the technique of streamlined battle. His appointment to the Thirtieth Infantry is welcomed by all.

Major: "Don't you know how to stand at attention?'

Conscript: "I am, sir. It's my uniform that is at ease."

"Did Dorothy reject Howard when he proposed?"

"Not in so many words, but she put him in class 5-B."

ARTICLE REVEALS HISTORY OF SURGICAL SERVICE

Tradition has it that the two sons of Aeschylepius, the father of healing, were instrumental in winning the Trojan War. All honor goes to them for their efforts to initiate a new science. It is related that the Cavalry of that day was something of a wooden horse, and no doubt the efforts of the army doctors were very meager also.

Today the Army of the United States is paramount in its services to our soldiers, both in peace time and in war. This excellence is due to a number of factors. Both medicine and surgery have made great advances in science. Probably health conditions fifty to one hundred years ago were more vital to our Army than surgery. Poor sanitation has defeated more armies than armaments have. Today there is no slackening of vigilance in preventive medicine and medicine has won the great esteem of us all but a change in warfare methods has forced surgery to a new high level of importance.

The Surgeon General, we believe, has one of the most efficient organizations extant today in any service or department. Personnel has been an important factor in the present achievement. The army doctor is given a training second to none, among the professions. The method of selection is an exacting one. Politics play no part. Every army doctor is an A-1 man and trained thoroughly, but this is not all. The army has a policy of selecting out of this efficient personnel the most progressive and promising men and sending them to special schools so that they are in possession of the very latest and best that there is in the science of surgery and allied fields .This is a privilege that the usual civilian doctor is rarely able to afford. The army nurse is likewise well trained and selected on the basis of exacing standards. Good nursing is now thought of as part of the operation-situation. The assistants in the hospital, enlisted ward attendants, are also given very good training in our schools here at Letterman so that when an operation presents itself there is a team of very efficient men, women, and surgeons, who work together without the slightest hitch or possibility of confusion. "Clockwork" expresses it.

Here at Letterman this splendid service is under the very able direction of Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson whose training and experience are paramount. On the staff of Colonel Emerson are some assistants that are not only good but outstanding in their work throughout the United States. They are national authorities in their subject. With such a leadership and staff it is no wonder Letterman is able to hang up such a splendid record of achievement.



Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson, M. C., Chief of Surgical Staff.

Among the capable assistants on the staff of Colonel Emerson is Major Nichol, who is Executive Officer. His untiring efficiency is a pattern worthy of emulation for all interested to advance personally and in behalf of a distinguished service to our country.

During the past year approximately 2,500 operations have been performed here at Letterman General Hospital These operations have been of all types. There are specialists on the surgical staff trained for each type. Twenty-six officers are on the staff with Colonel Emerson. In addition there are four internes, nine trained and especially selected nurses in the Operation Section, and a group of enlisted attendants, also appropriately trained for their work. The Surgical Service utilizes twenty wards for patients and at this time there are 583 surgical patients at Letterman.

The time spent at Letterman by the average patient is not easy to estimate, some operation cases requiring three weeks or less to return to normal duty, and other cases requiring much more time. Since our turnover is on an approximate average complete every thirty days for the hospital as a whole, it is to be seen that surgery has an efficiency in returning men to a normal status that should take away a certain dread of operations that exists in the minds of most people.

Colonel Emerson thinks of his department not only in terms of surgery but is especially proud of his physical therapy section. This service is of very great value to the surgeon in assisting the convalescense of certain types of cases. More will be said of this activity in a later issue.

Colonel Emerson is especially fortunate to have Miss Frances Ewing as Supervisor of Surgical Nurses. Miss Ewing has had ten years experience in the army. Her first assignment was Hot Springs, Arkansas, then to Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Riley, Kansas; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; and Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii. She has spent two years at Letterman General Hospital.

Colonel Emerson has indicated his great enthusiasm for the group of enlisted attendants whose very splendid services makes possible the machine-like precision that is an operation. These men are highly dependable and loyal in their work and have merited the high praise of the Colonel.

Major Nichol. in addition to all his duties as Executive Officer to Colonel Emerson, has the very important job of delivering about fifteen babies each month at Lettermans now famous Ward H. This service frequently keeps the Major up all night but even so he is at his post on schedule for any operation the next morning.

The Army of the United States is to be congratulated on this development of the science of surgery and especially in the selection of the officers who conduct our surgical services at Letterman.

Predictions and Hopes of Letterman Cagers Reported

Last Wednesday night the Letterman basketball team opened their '41 season against the team from Company "C" of the 30th Infantry. The outcome was undeterminable at the writing of this article as the paper went to press before the game was played. However, your reporter will try to give you an idea of the setup before the game.

Little is known about the Company "C" team except that they are supposedly the class of the 30th Infantry, having defeated Company "H" in a close fought battle a couple of weeks ago. Letterman goes into the game slightly crippled due to the loss of Forward Art Anderson for the game because of a little matter of night duty in the Lab. However, his loss for the week will be offset by the turnout of Staff Sgt. Rue Masterson who, in recent practice sessions, has looked mighty convincing at the forward post vacated by "Andy." The rest of the team is whipping into shape nicely and seem to be on edge for their initial game.

Letterman will probably employ a fast breaking offense similar to that used by the Stanford "Wonder Team" of a few years back, and a revamped version of the zone defense designed to facilitate the speed of the fast break.

To date the probable starting lineup stands with Masterson and Edwards at the forwards, Pascal at center, and Gust and Morey at the guards. In all probability Botseth, Glassner and the rest of the men will be in for plenty of playing time, both Botseth and Glassner looking very nice at center and guard, respectively.

MAJOR NICHOL HAS INTERESTING BACKGROUND

Major William W. Nichol, Executive Officer of the Surgical Service of Letterman General Hospital, was born July 24, 1907, at New Florence, Pennsylvania. His father came to Canada from England when a boy of seven and later he came to the States and settled in Pennsylvania. The family later moved to the coal mining town of Oakland City, Indiana. It was here that Major Nichol grew up and graduated from the Oakland City High Shcool. Major Nichol's father is at present Vice President of the Enos Coal Mining Company of Oakland City, Indiana. The Major has attended schools in Ohio, Canada, and Indiana. He graduated from the University of Indiana. with an A. B. degree. His M. D. was taken in the same university in 1931 His internship was completed at Letterman General Hospital where he spent one year, during which time he was a Reserve Officer with an active duty status. The Major received his commission of First Lieutenant in the Regular Army Medical Corps in July 1932. He was sent almost immediately to the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., where he took the basic Army Medical School course. He was then sent to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and took the basic course there also.

In 1933 the Major was ordered to the Presidio of Monterey, California, where he remained for one and one-half years. He was ordered to the Philippine Islands, as assistant to the Post Surgeon of the Post of Manila. Later he was transferred to Sternberg General Hospital where he was in charge of the Obstetrical Service and at the same time assistant on the surgical service under Colonel Norman T. Kirk. In July, 1936, the Major was transferred to Camp John Hay at Baguio. Here he was Post Surgeon until November, 1936. Then he got orders to report to Walter Reed General Hospital for special training in surgery and obstetrics. He remained in this course of specialized study for three and one-half years until July, 1940. At this time he was sent on a study mission to the famous Mayo Brothers Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. The Major gave his entire attention to the course in anesthesia. It is remarkable that the army, once it finds capable men, is willing to give to such highly proficient men the very best training to be had anywhere in the world. He became a captain July, 1934, and a temporary major in March, 1941.

The Major married Miss Marjorie Metcalfe, the daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. R. F. Metcalfe, retired. General Metcalfe, then a Colonel, was at that time Chief of the Surgical Service here at Letterman General Hospital. The Major and Mrs. Nichol have one child, Nancy Ann, aged five years. Mrs. Nichol is prominent in social affairs here. She has resided on three different occasions on O'Reilly avenue at Letterman.

The Major is not only a top-notch surgeon, he is a musician and an eminent sportsman in hunting and fishing. He is a fine example of precocity that has had plenty to do so as not to sour a splendid program. He is one of the busiest and hardest workers on the entire staff and this fact, coupled with his exceptional training, makes him an officer of great promise to the army, and at the same time a most delightful person.



Major William W. Nichol, M. C., Assistant Chief of Surgical Services, Letterman General Hospital.

He: "What did the calf say to the silo?"

She: "Is my fodder in there?"

"Should evening dresses ever be worn to bridge parties?"

"No, in playing cards it is only necessary to show your hand."

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EDITORIAL

For some months past we have been reminded from time to time in the public prints that the day was not far ahead when the nation would have to tighten its collective belt. The demands of national defense for materiel would deprive us of much which we have considered as necessities in our daily lives.

To those of us in the military service the proximity of the pinch appears in a press release under a Washington date line announcing that mimeograph paper is facing a priorities control. All departments have been ordered to conserve the precious paper and no longer will the press handouts be triple or even double spaced.

The Army needs guns and munitions, trucks and tractors, men and food, clothing and shelter, and there have been times when we have managed to get along after a fashion by simulation of some or all of the above. But we always had our mimeograph machine.

If that report from Washington is authentic and we are deprived of our mimeo paper what use will we have for our waste baskets?

Rastus was in trouble again, and the judge asked him if he were guilty or not guilty. "Guilty, suh, ah thinks, but ah'd rather be tried 'n make sure of it."

—Santa Fe Magazine

Parasite: A man who walks thru a revolving door without doing his share of pushing!

The suspicions of women, so far as men are concerned, are not without foundation.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Ed Gill out on a scouting tour to bring back news of the outside world to **Walter Theobald.**

Donald Miller acquiring a fine coat of tan from the synthetic sunshine emanating from the lamp in the corner of his room.

Brigadier General **Robert H. Van Volkenburgh** paying a visit on the wards and just as pleasant as before they elevated him to the rarer atmosphere of the stars.

Miss **Florence Rainford** being serenaded on her birthday by a Western Union messenger with a booming voice—and did she blush?

Sergeants **"Corny" Thomas** and **Hu Goodwin** strolling along the corridor together and arguing like two Civil War vets and like the ancients limited to verbal combat.

Staff Sgt. **Joseph Jones** playing the role of patient on B-1 and anticipating some special attention from **Major Steinhoff** in the matter of after care.

Our Peerless Picker with a long series of explanations to account for the unexpected results of last Saturday's football games.

The shiny chevrons on the sleeves of the uniform blouse of **Corporal Willey.**

This Soldier Has Whichever You Want —Black or Blue

Over at Fort Cronkhite, a recent recruit was having a bit of trouble climbing over a rugged sector of the reservation during last week's war games. When the warning was flashed that enemy "Black" troops might be parachuting into the "Blue" fort this recruit had just managed to reach the top of a small cliff. Overcome by excitement he lost his balance, toppled and fell into the midst of a detachment who were seeking enemy parachutes.

As he picked himself up, battered and torn, a noncom approached him.

"What are you, soldier, Black or Blue?"

"Sergeant," said the recruit feebly, "I am both!"



Once again we have the pleasure of expressing a word of welcome to four young ladies who have joined the Army Nurse Reserve Corps.

Mrs. Estelle Sandes Blair was born at El Paso, Texas, and trained in the County General Hospital, San Bernardino, California. For four years she did post-graduate work on tuberculosis, pediatrics, and obstetrics, at San Francisco City and County Hospital and for two years prior to joining the army she was on the staff at Colusa Hospital, Colusa, California.

Miss Myrtle Lowena Edison was born in Olive Hill, Kentucky, and took her training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Covington, Ky. She was afterwards on the staff at Cincinnati General Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and on the staff at St. Agnes Hospital, Fresno, California. For the past four years she has been at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco.

Mrs. Fay Harvey was born in Oakland, California, and took her professional training at Ione Hospital in Oakland. Upon graduation she joined the staff at the same hospital and later went to Stanford Hospital in San Francisco where she was for eighteen months prior to coming to Letterman.

Mrs. Barbara Swetnick was born at Oakes, North Dakota. She trained at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota, and after graduation was a County Public Health nurse for the State of North Dakota. She subsequently was at Mercy Hospital, Sacramento, California, and more recently at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco.

Miss Margie J. Hoilien, who was formerly at Letterman and is now stationed at Santa Barbara, California, visited Miss Margaret McWeeny last week.

Miss Ida E. Peschon, who arived from the Philippines abord the President Coolidge, is a patient on Ward P. She reported having a very comfortable voyage and was not disappointed in not having her trip on an army transport.

We are glad to have Miss Lulu J. Newton back with us after her month's leave.

Miss Cora J. Maxton visited at Letterman enroute to her new post at Springfield, Mo. She has just returned from the Hawaiian Islands where she was recently appointed to Chief Nurse.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY
November 2, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Nimrod Specker Ducked Away from Duty . . . For Ducks

Captain Specker rings up honors in recent duck massacre. Place, somewhere near Suisun Bay. Many big shots are to be found in that area. The season on ducks and geese has been a very good one. it appears these game birds have left Alaska rather early and en masse. Letterman nimrods slip up to Suisun, or as soon as they can, and ambush the gentle fowl. It appears that Captain Specker enrolled for an ambush sorties the other morning. Honk! Honk! Honk! Quack! Quack! Came the voices from the marshes. The Captain, nothing daunted, unlimbered his artillery and, with a very graceful gesture, began to mow them down, a la Charlie Mc Carthy. When the smoke of the barrage had cleared away it was found that two ducks had collided in midair and one suffered a head injury. The Captain, seeing the plight of the unfortunate creature, abandoned his Browning, plunged into the spongy terrain and sought to render first aid to the unfortunate duck. It was soon discovered that the poor duck was a little "wacky" and since Major Litteral was not anywhere in sight nothing could be done about it.

It is reported that as a result of this local blitzkreig Captain Specker has been to no end of trouble to unmuck himself. He says that even tho' he is a very responsible official at this hospital that the best cure that he can think of just now is a manicure.

PSYCHOLOGY

Don't forget—anyone interested in this absorbing subject and wishing to participate in occasional discussions and class work may register with Mrs. Williams in the library.

A streetcar passenger was puffing away on a cigar and the conductor sarcastically drew his attention to the "No Smoking" sign.

"Oh, I saw it," said the passenger, "but I can't follow all your rules. For example, the card beside it says 'Wear Excelsior Corsets'."

THESE CHARMING NURSES ON SURGERY STAFF



Nurses on duty in surgery with their superior officers, standing: Colonel Emerson, Major Nichol. Seated, left to right: Margaret A. McWeeny, Dorohty E. Holt, Loraine C. Ward, Barbara D. Walker, Francis Ewing, Supervisor, Wilma Sandberg, Edith Heinrich, Gertrude L. Bamsey, Daisy Matthews.

Over The Fence

ANTI-TANK BASEBALL RESULTS

The third game in the Class A Winter League was played the 30th Infantry Anti-Tank Co. last Sunday against Les Vogel's Chevrolet team at the 7th and Harrison streets diamond. Despite the fact that there was a little more Presidio support than heretofore, the game ended as a loss for the anti-tank team with the score 2 to 4. The team is just getting under way and they feel confident of a league championship, although it is a little early to tell yet. They still need some more support in the rooting section, come on out, Presidio.

TRANSFER AND PROMOTION

Corporal Federico has a yen to become an aivator, as he just recently transferred to Gray Field, Wash. Private First Class Raymond Monroe has been promoted to Corporal and can be seen sporting some new stripes.

FIRST SERGEANT BACK WITH ORGANIZATION

"A" Company's first sergeant is back with the organization, having just returned from a furlough. During the absence of First Sergeant Kunak, Staff Sergeant Nelson was

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Q. M. NEWS

The detachment enjoyed a weekend trip to Mt. Diablo State Park, where an overnight camp was established. A very good time was had by all, with plenty of food and other refreshments. A whole lot of appreciation is due Lt. Brice for the splendid work he did in arranging this trip, for he did his utmost in seeing that each and everyone on the trip had a good time.

Pop Latimer, better known today as "Coffee Pop," couldn't adopt the idea of sleeping under canvas, so he made a bunk for himself in one of the trucks. Everything was going along swell until Pop awoke during the night and decided to get a cup of coffee. Forgetting that the truck body was about four feet above the ground, Pop took a step out of the truck and when he came to, after a sudden jar, remarked that the steps on the stairs should be closer together, for the first one was too high. Never mind, Pop, I understand that they are putting elevators on all the trucks. Maybe the coffee that you had been drinking had something to do with it, Pop.

It has been suggested that Sgt. Brown and Pvt. 1/cl Moran get in the habit of sleeping at a later hour than 4:00 a. m. Also that if either of the two should get the urge to awaken a group of men again that they use a bugle, for it is much nicer to be awakened by sweet notes than from the noise of a dishpan. Or was it a Dixie Boiler you were pounding on, Moran?

Of course, a first aid kit was taken along, and Lt. Ford was given plenty of practice administering first aid. There were plenty of minor cuts, bruises, and aching muscles. Better look out, Lt. Ford, for the Medical Department needs good first aid men. The convoy went to the top of the miuntain Sunday morning to obtain a view of the surrounding countryside, but were disappointed, for the weather was very bad, thereby spoiling the view.

Pvt. 1/cl Passarelli has returned to duty after a trip to Washington, D. C. He stated that he was unable to see his Congressman, as he desired, for he was too busy figuring out how much ration money he would receive when he got back. Never mind, Pat, you can make another trip later on, and when you do, tell him about our pay raise, also.

The detachment will soon gain another man in the person of Pvt. Jack C. Shurtz, who has been transferred from Fort Lewis, Wash., and is now on detached service en route to join. Welcome to our detachment, Jack.

Here's Your Best Chance To Ride Pigskin Bandwagon

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

One day you're a hero and the next day a bum. As someone remarked after last Saturday's colossal upsets "that guy should change his column to putrid picks." Naturally I have an alibi (what columnist hasn't?) It didn't seem possible that Santa Clara and Oregon could lose and that Oregon State could do the same but that's football. So far the score stands 28 out of 36 which is still pretty fair. Here goes again, starting out with my $10,000 special.

Northwestern	7	Minnesota	6
Stanford	14	Santa Clara	7
California	14	U. C. L. A.	14
Army	7	Notre Dame	14
Texas	36	S. M. U.	0
Fordham	14	Purdue	0
Michigan	14	Illinois	7
Oregon	7	W. S. C.	0
Penn	14	Navy	0
Taxas A & M	27	Arkansas	0
Duke	39	Georgia Tech	0
Chicago Bears	19	Green Bay Pkrs.	7

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Colonel Emerson and the officers assigned to the surgical service at Letterman General Hospital.

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Chief of Anesthesia & Operating Section, Major William W. Nichol, M. C.

Chief, General Surgery Section, 1st Lt. Joseph S. McGuinness, M. C.

Chief, Genito-Urinary Section, Capt. Oscar F. Nolan, M. C.

Chief, Obstetrical Section, Major William W. Nichol, M. C.

Chief, Orthopedic Section, Lt Col. Oral B. Bolibaugh, M. C.

Chief, Physical Therapy Section, Capt. William H. Ice, M. C. Assistants: 1st Lt DeWitt Dominick, M. C. 1st Lt. Jack R. Hughes, M. C.

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Chief, Women's Section, Col. Gouveneur V. Emerson, M. C.

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Ward D-2, Orthopedic Surgery, Ward Officer: 1st Lt Robert H. Denham, Jr., M. C. Assistant: 1st Lt. Jack R. Hughes, M. C.

Wards E-1 & E-2, Orthopedic Surgery, Ward Officers: 1st Lt Donald B. Slocum, M. C. Assistant: Wallace G. Gilbert, M. C.

Ward F-1, Genito-Urinary Surgery, Ward Oficer: Capt. Wm. H. Ice, M. C. Assistant: Capt. Samuel G. Peck, M. C.

Ward H, Obstetrical Section: Ward Officer: 1st Lt. Andrew M. Ryan, M. C.

Wards P & R, Women's Section, Ward Officer: Major Albert G. Clark, M. C. Assistant: 1st Lt. DeWitt Dominick, M. C.

Ward 1, Convalescent Ward, Ward Officer 1st Lt. Wm. F. Kaiser, Jr., M. C. Assistant: 1st Lt. Nelson C. Bell, M. C.

Wards 3 and 4, Convalescent Surgical, Ward Officer: 1st Lt. Vernon C. Stehr, M. C. Assistants: 1st Lt. Abraham Marians, M. C. 1st Lt Irving Wolin, M C.

Ward 7, Veneral Diseases, Ward Officer: Capt. William H. Ice, M. C. Assistant: Capt. Samuel G. Peck, M. C.

Pet—"Don't you think, darling, that your new overcoat is a bit loud?"

Darling—"Never mind, pet. I'll wear a muffler with it."

—Smith's Weekly.

Island: A place you can't leave without a boat.—Typing Tips.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

2nd Lieutenant Raymond E. Flatt, former detachment commander and supply officer of the schools, was a week-end visitor here. He said he journeyed over to visit old friends and renew some of his acquaintances at the schools and the hospital. Lieutenant Flatt has gotten his old job of being supply officer again and says he likes it very much at the 153rd Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif.

According to latest reports, Lieutenant Robert M. Musick, detachment commander of the Special Service Schools for a long time, is now acting as adjutant at the 153rd Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. Lieutenant Musick was the first detachment commander who had a real task in that capacity; it was under his direction that the first students to come into the schools receive instruction. He had many important problems to iron out and did a marvelous job of it. His efficiency and untiring effort was ever present in everything he accomplished.

Miss Gail Zwicker, one of the clerks at headquarters, has been seen wearing a bright soldier's insignia on her dress lately. When asked by your correspondent where she got it, she said that it was from one of the boys. Well, your columnist has found out he is not in the school or hospital! He is from the Presidio. What's wrong with our fellows, Gail?

Sergeant Everard V. Cruea, assistant to the charge of quarters, is back from detached service. He said he had a swell time visiting his relatives and old friends at his hometown of El Paso, Tex., and wished that he could go home more often.

These schools have the following number of noncommissioned officers and enlisted men under instruction: one technical sergeant, one staff sergeant, eight duty sergeants, seven corporals, 106 privates first class, and 91 privates. Besides these men there are four privates first class and six privates in the hospital, and one private in the hands of civil authorities. We also have three privates on special duty from the Letterman detachment, making it an aggregate total of 228 students. This is the lowest figure of men under instruction since the school originated seven months ago! The average monthly attendance has been over 300.

Seems like Benjamin T. Shedoudy, clerk at the school headquarters, has begun to reform at last! He has found the girl of his dreams, so it is rumored, and she is striving to bring him into the state of deaconhood. It appears that she is slowly but surely converting him into a deacon. Maybe that is why they are all calling him now "Deacon!"

Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry, clerk at school headquarters, sure has it bad! By bad I mean concerning a little woman way up in Montana. He makes at least two long-distance telephone calls to her twice a month! And we hear that the calls cost no less than three dollars apiece! What a woman can do to you!

Miss Adelaide (Honey Child) McDermott, clerk at school headquarters, was confined to her bed this week with a severe cold. According to latest reports, she expects to be back within a few days.

Visitor—"Does your baby brother talk yet?"

Johnny—"He doesn't have to. He gets everything he wants by just yelling."

Don't keep telling her that you are unworthy of her. Let it be a surprise.

MEDICAL DETACH

Through the courtesy of the Presidio and the United Service Golf Clubs, the privilege of playing on the Presidio Golf course has been extended to enlisted men who are qualified players. Men who are interested should apply to Lt. Dunker, A. & R. Officer at the Presidio for the necessary card of introduction.

Horace La Case, civilian employee here at the hospital, and a former professional entertainer is doing his part for the patients. It was Horace who made arrangements for the trio who entertained the patients last Thursday afternoon at the recreation center. The entertainers were Miss Juanita Guilmenot and Mr. James Brown and Mr. Bill Owens. And that's a mighty nice thing to do, Horace.

The claims of "champs," of Barnyard Golf -horseshoes—for the enlisted men at the hospital comes from Privates Hargraves and Madsen. There have been a very few teams to contest this and the latest team, a Gust-Willey combination, fell in defeat.

This column's most persistent critic and heckler, Miss Hoffert of the Sergeant-Major's Office, has suggested that for good amusement we visit the office and listen to Van der Voort's impromtu speeches. Those speeches are Van's night school speech assignments being put into practice.

Christmas suggestions in the hospital are a month early this year. Mrs. Turner, in the Unit Personnel office, has a very attractive assortment of Christmas cards on her desk, for perusal—and purchase I believe.

Mrs. Prentice Cobb Hale Sr., of San Francisco, has been a very charming hostess to a number of the enlisted members of the Bay Area defenses during the opera season. She invited thirty-six men from the various defense units to attend three of the season's performances. These men have had the pleasure of attending an opera with the very best seats in the house at their disposal. I am sure that the members who attended as guests of Mrs. Hale will always remember and appreciate her thoughtfulness and kindness in extending the invitation.

Interesting:

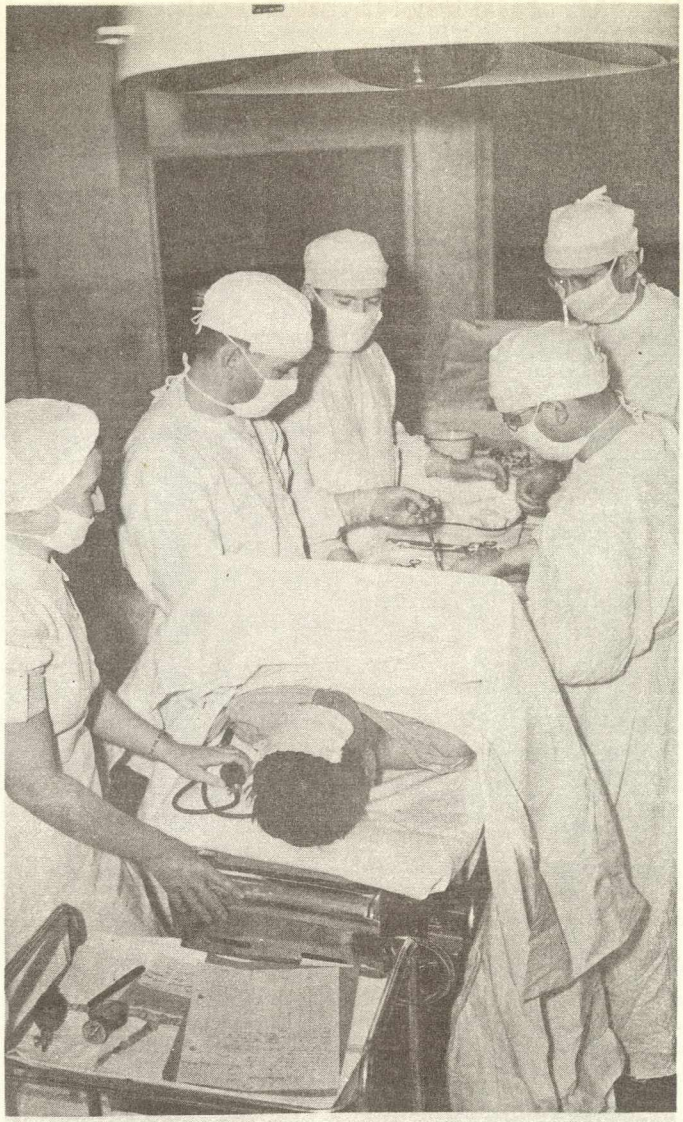
Sgt Goldstein and Corp. Morrey drinking their after-breakfast coffee at the P. X.

Pvt. Crowe saying, "I don't wanna go to the hospital. Who's gonna take care of my gal?"

The new lust for life Sgt. Gustafson acquired on his trip to Florida.

The very marked similarity between Skinney Ennis, of radio and screen fame, and our Sgt. Vaughn.

The way the hospital quartet is beginning to take shape.



Major Nichol in action, assisted by Captain McGuinness, Lieut. Calden, Dr. Larnad, and Miss McWeeny, anesthetist.

Jimmie giggled when the teacher read the story of a man who swam a river three times before breakfast.

"You do not doubt that a trained swimmer could do that, do you Jimmie?"

"No, ma'am, but I wonder why he didn't make it four ,and get back to the side where his clothes were."

MAJOR PAULL IS ON HUNT FOR A REFRIGERATOR

The Major thinks that there are good second hand stoves and refrigerators that can be had for a song and the Major is willing to do the singing. If he can get a first rate article he promises a glee club! We are not sure that the Major wants a combination of stove and refrigerator. We remember seeing a refrigerator not long ago that had been shipped by army transport—it was all "stoved in." That may be just what the Major is after. Knowing these things as many old army travelers do, you will no doubt want to share your shipping disasters with the Major. The Major is on "A" and he is "A-1" also. No discounts expected—deal direct.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Martin, QMC Reserve, Hamilton Field, a son, John Paul Martin, weight 7 lbs. 5½ oz., born October 20, 1941.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Delbert L. Vaughn, 46th AB Sq., Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Juanita Vaughn, weight 8 lbs. 1½ oz., born October 24, 1941.

To Captain and Mrs. Frank M. Treat, 30th Infantry, a son, Van Hampton Treat, weight 8 lbs. 3 oz., born October 25, 1941.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Mandel, 56th CAC, a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, weight 7 lbs. 5 oz., born October 26, 1941.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harry R. Maytum, M. C., Fort McDowell, a son, James Rodell Maytum, weight 7 lbs. 15 oz., October 26, 1941.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Melford William Miller, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a son, Kenneth Charles, weight 8 lbs. 2 oz., born October 28, 1941.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Burkhart, Air Corps, Moffett Field, a son, Donald Ernest, weight 7 lbs. 15 oz., born October 28, 1941.

Two Chief Nurses Assigned to New Posts by Army

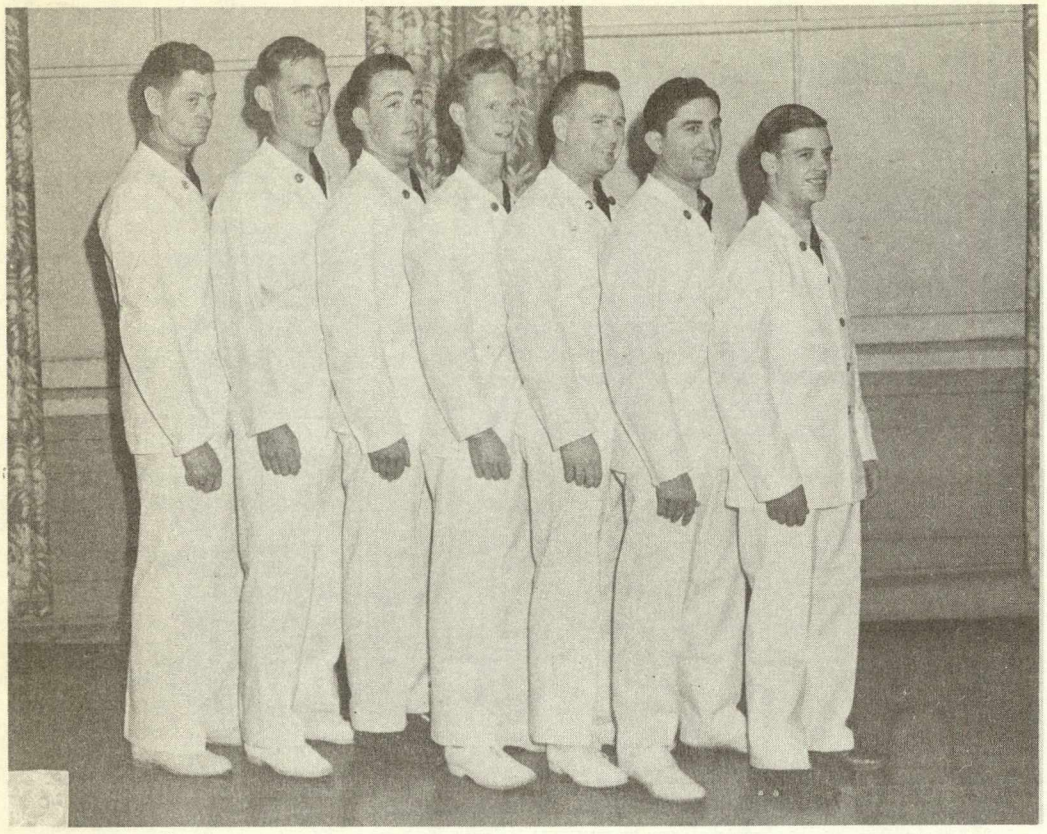
In compliance with orders from the War Department at Washington, D. C., two of our chief nurses have been assigned to new stations where they will have the duty of organizing their departments in new hospitals.

Miss Dorothy N. Zellar goes to the station hospital at the Bakersfield Air Base and she will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Smith of the Letterman staff.

Miss Virginia M. Severyn will have the new station hospital at Gardner Field, Taft, Calif., for her field of labor and likewise takes one of the Letterman staff with her in the person of Miss Ellen Ryan.

The nursing staff at each of these hospitals will consist of one chief nurse and five nurses.

THESE MEN ARE SURGERY ASSISTANTS



Enlisted assistants on duty in surgery, reading from left to right: Paul T. Jenkins, Noel Anderson, Andre Pascal, Charles Eames, James Blackburn, Sam B. Agnello, William Crouch.

PRESIDIO RED CROSS

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under construction in about 10 days. Three months will be required for completion.

It is understood that the Red Cross is at present letting contracts for additional headquarters at Camp Roberts, Camp Haan, Fort Ord, March Field, Camp Callan, Fort Lewis and Fort Richardson.

These projects, part of a nation-wide program involving 62 buildings, are expected to cost about $15,000 each.

Mr. Ben Harris, who has been Field Director of the American Red Cross in charge of the Presidio office for the past year, will be promoted to the Pacific Area on November 1 and he will be succeeded by Mr. Francis Taylor in the local office.

Mrs. Neva O'Neill and Mr. Harold Jambor will continue as assistant Field Directors for the Presidio office, and the clerical staff consisting of Dorothy Kochivar, Marie Peterson, and Margaret Spencer, will help maintain the smooth functioning of the organization.

OVER THE FENCE

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acting First Sergeant, and did a good job of it.

CORPORAL McCLOSKEY ON FURLOUGH

Corporal McCloskey, recently re-enlisted in "A" Company of the 30th Infantry, is now on furlough, having gone East to visit his home town. When discharged from the company, Corporal McCloskey was recommended for the Good Conduct Medal, a new award offered by the War Department. His total accumulation of years in the army amount to 18, some of which were spent with the Seventh Infantry in Alaska. Sport fans will remember Corporal McCloskey as the south-paw who pitched the Seventh to their division championship when their ball club was known as "The Nine Old Men." He started and finished four consecutive games, winning all four of them. At one time he tried out with the Orioles. (Maybe the Dodgers could have made good use of him).

NEWS FROM CO. "C" OF 58TH Q.M.

Two men from the "C" Company, 58th Q. M. regiment, have just returned to the organization from the Indian Motorcycle factory in Springfield, Mass., where they have been undergoing a two-month course of training. Norman T. Torgeson and Delbert C. Valle are to be congratulated on their excellent ratings achieved on completion of the course there.

Quite a number of new faces are seen around the company these days, as 27 new men have just arrived from Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo. These men consist of mechanics, blacksmiths, upholsterers, cooks and other lines.

CITIZENS OF MILLBRAE ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS

Forty men from various organizations of the Presidio were guests of the citizens of Millbrae, a small community just south of San Francisco, last Thursday night. On arriving there, at approximately 6 o'clock in the evening, the men were split up into groups of two and taken to the various homes for dinner. After the dinner everyone met at the school house for a dramatic presentation, "Kind Lady," put on by the Millbrae Players, Inc. All those attending the affair were given a wonderful dinner, and a splendid evening's entertainment.

JERSEYS PRESENTED POST SOFTBALL CHAMPS

Company "C," 58th Q.M. Regiment, are the receivers of a fine set of new jerseys as a token of their winning the post softball championship during a series covering the months of May, June, and July. Sergeant Burns, manager of the team, and Sergeant Van Ness, coach, are very fond of their fine string of ball players, consisting of Corporal Lecki, Privates Laughlin, Lesa, Rackow, Sosnowski, Firpo, Torgensen, Michalowski, and Souza. Two other members of the team that have since been discharged and are not in the picture are Corporal DiSenso, and Private Hurrell.

RUNNER BRINGS WORD OF FORT SCOTT DOWNFALL

One of the most famous artillery centers in America has "fallen." The post was captured by the Red Army (or was it the "blues"?). We have learned of this disaster by runner (nothing to do with silk hosiery). We are all shocked. Naturally our greatest concern is the fate of the tennis courts at Fort Scott. We sincerely hope that Colonels Whitaker and Woolworth have seen to it that the courts have been rescued. If the opposing forces, Red or Blue, whichever it was (we are color blind, anyway) have "taken" the courts perhaps it is just as well, for the Letterman General tennis team, composed of Lt. Lourdeaux and—well, it doesn't matter, he is the whole team, anyway—was planning on "taking" Colonels Whitaker and Woolworth in the near future. California insists on having just now a bit of "unusual weather" which threatens to bog down operations. In case the weather clears up we may try to contact that signal organization distinguished (or extinguished, whichever is the proper word) on recent maneuvers—and have it carry our message to Garcia.

STRENGTH OF COMMAND

The strength of the command as of October 28th was as follows:

Officers	**128**
Nurses	**135**
Enlisted Men	**704**
Patients	**1356**
Total	**2523**

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Administration Building at Letterman General Hospital is shown in the above photograph.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

News of the promotion of the following named officer has been received from the War Department in Washington:

1st Lt. Walton M. Edwards promoted to Captain.

Congratulations are extended to Captain Edwards on his advancement.

Many a man puts more trust in a rabbit's foot than he does in his own head.

Major General Benedict New Ninth Corps Area Head

Major General Jay L. Benedict arrived in San Francisco Monday and assumed command of the Ninth Corps Area. He succeeds Brigadier General Arthur W. Lane, who has acted as Corps Area Commander during the illness of Maor General Ernest D. Peck, now a patient in Letterman General Hospital.

STRENGTH OF COMMAND

The strength of the command as of November 3, 1941, was as follows:

Officers	**132**
Nurses	**131**
Enlisted Men	**702**
Patients	**1280**
Total	**2245**

Facts and figures are stubborn things.

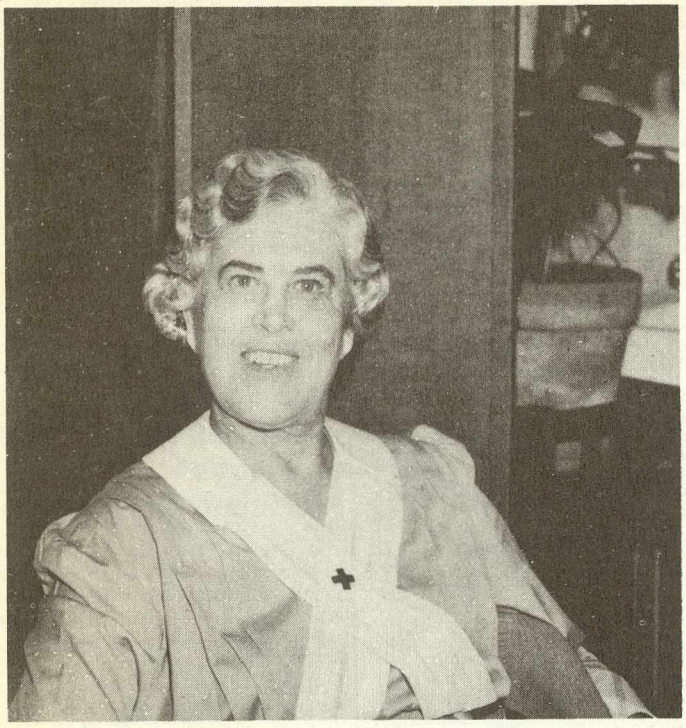
Armistice Day Services at National Cemetery

In keeping with the custom that has prevailed for the past five or six years, the Zane Irwin Post of the American Legion will again sponsor the memorial services in the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco on the morning of November 11 beginning at 10 o'clock. The services will take the form of a Solemn Mass of Requiem for the deceased dead of all wars. The Celebrant of the Mass will be the Reverend John J. Bunyan, the Deacon Francis J. Stapleton, both of whom are Chaplains in the Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States. The Sub-Deacon will be the Reverend Joseph M. Coakley, who is a Chaplain in the California State Guard. The preacher for the occasion will be the Reverend James A. Lenahan, C.S.P., who, as a Sergeant in the American Expeditionary Forces, saw front line service. The Master of Ceremonies will be Reverend Joseph A. Renault of the cathedral staff. The choir will be under the direction of Reverend Edgar T. Boyle. The Chairman in charge of the religious part of the program is the Reverend C. T. Murray, formerly Chaplain, United States Army. The General Chairman in charge of all phases of the program is Mr. Edward Molkenburh. The services will be held at the Rostrum in the National Cemetery opposite the Superintendent's Lodge. The hour is 10 o'clock. In the event of inclement weather the services will be held in the new Post Chapel in Presidio of San Francisco.

NICE GOING

The civilian employes of the Medical Department employed at Letterman General Hospital contributed a grand total of $431.94 in the recent drive for the Community Chest of San Francisco.

LETTERMAN RED CROSS HISTORY TOLD



Miss Bertha E. Lovell, Field Director, American Red Cross, at Letterman General Hospital.

This material was written by Miss Bertha C. Lovell, Field Director, American Red Cross.

The Red Cross program at Letterman seems to have first come into existence in any formal fashion in 1917. In that year Miss Flora Uri and a committee of associated women began to do ward visiting, and supplied some supplementary articles to the patients. The Department of Military Relief, the Pacific Division, made Miss Uri an official representative in June of the next year, with the title of Associate Field Director. When Miss Uri resigned in 1919, Mrs. Caletta Rindge became Field Director with a considerable staff of assistants and associates.

According to a memo dated 1920, prepared by Mr. Walter Case, in charge of the Red Cross activities in the hospital at that time, and submitted to the Surgeon General of the Army at the latter's request, five activities were recognized as belonging appropriately to the Red Cross: 1—Ward visiting; 2—Distributing of standard Red Cross articles of comfort, such as tobacco and sweets to the patients; 3—The construction of buildings for supplementary activities as authorized by the Secretary of War; 4—Carrying on of Home Service and Communication work for patients; 5—Supplementary activities of the Red Cross with regard to Education and Recreational Service. The statement is made that, at this time, 1920, the Red Cross had already spent at Letterman Hospital, not including donated supplies, in the neighborhood of $100,000. This figure includes salaries of paid workers and construction of two buildings.

It is probable that Miss Uri, Mrs. Rindge, and Mr. Case, together with at least some of the members of their respective staffs, lived in quarters provided by the Red Cross at Letterman, as we find a notation that the Surgeon General had in March of 1919 requested that the Red Cross establish a resident service in hospitals of the Public Health service caring for discharged soldiers and sailors. This resident service had at first been financed by the Red Cross chapters of the local communities, but in August, 1919, that financial responsibility was assumed by the National Organization.

Regarding the period between 1920 and 1926, there seems to be little information available. In 1926, when the present Field Director appeared upon the scene as Assistant Field Director and Case Supervisor in charge of medical social work, the Letterman Red Cross activities were spread out over a wide area. Mr. E. P. Krick was Field Director. The

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Miss Bertha E. Lovell Tells of Her Career

The following autobiographical sketch was prepared by Miss Bertha C. Lovell, Field Director, American Red Cross.

My childhood and youth were spent in Fall River, Massachusetts, where I was born. After graduating from Smith College, I started immediately to teach in the Great Barrington High School in the Berkshires. There I had responsibility for all the courses given in the English Department. In 1913, after three years at the Simmons College School of Social Work, I began my professional career as a social worker in the comparatively new specialy of medical social work. My early experience, as well as my professional education, I was fortunate in obtaining in Boston, where under the stimulus of Dr. Richard C. Cabot, medical social work had had its first opportunity to develop into a recognized field.

As a member of the Social Service staff of the long-established Boston Dispensary, I spent six years rich in opportunities to share in the manifold activities of the Dispensary and in the ambitious undertakings of the Boston medical social group. When the aftermath of the war brought the Federal Government into the picture of State venereal disease prevention and control, I joined the Massachusetts State Department of Health in the newly created position of Special Investigator, Department of Venereal Diseases—a title certainly far form self-explanatory. It was not until 1926 that I began social work in the West. By that time, the Red Cross had organized units of medical social workers in all governmental hospitals. Upon my arrival at Letterman as Assistant Director, and Case Supervisor, I found myself one of a large and enthusiastic group. Besides myself and the man who was Field Director, there was a second Assistant Director, a man who worked only with the able-bodied soldiers. There were also five additional medical social workers, two recreation workers, five clerical workers, and a fairly large number of loosely organized volunteers who assisted in the recreation program. In 1927 I became Field Director—a position I have held ever since.

It is now almost sixteen years since I joined the Letterman Red Cross staff. Changes too numerous to mention have taken place in the intervening years. I am happy to say, however, that the circumstances of our work today seem to me as favorable as they have been at any

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FROM DEEP SOUTH



The Assistant Field Director of the Letterman Red Cross, Miss Patricia Cummings, has prepared these autobiographical notes:

A Southerner by birth from North Carolina, the "Tar Heel" state, Miss Cummings spent her youth in the Tobacco City, namely Winston Salem.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina, she was granted a scholarship for graduate work at the Smith College School of Social Work at Northampton, Mass. This represented her first trip above the Mason-Dixon Line, and she spent a most stimulating winter interning in psychiatric social work at the Worcester State Hospital and Child Guidance Clinic in Worcester, Mass.

After a period of psychiatric social work in the East, adventure called; and she found herself in California attached to the State Relief Administration, first as a case supervisor and later as an assistant administrative supervisor. During the years of 1937 to 1940 she was employed by the University of California in the capacity of assistant field supervisor in the graduate School of Social Work.

At the present time as Assistant Field Director for the Red Cross in the hospital, her duties include social case work with the Neuro-psychiatric Service and with members of the Medical Detachment.

Collegian: What's wrong with these eggs?

Waitress: Don't ask me. I only laid the table.



Office staff of the American Red Cross, Letterman General Hospital, are shown above, left to right: Miss Leona Rhine, Miss Imogene Claybaugh, Miss Caroll Price, and Miss Margaret McCarthy.

RED CROSS CLERICAL STAFF FILLS IMPORTANT POSITION AT HOSPITAL

A very important group among the Red Cross personnel at this hospital is the office staff through whom so many of our patients make their first contact with the organization. The Red Cross has been fortunate in assembling a group of young ladies, each competent in her own sphere and making up a team responsible for a very smoothly functioning office force.

Miss Carol Price is the secretary, has charge of the bookkeeping, the inventory of supplies, and the reception desk. Miss Price was born in Oakland and later attended Sequoia, Piedmont, and graduated from Alameda High School. She was also a student at the San Francisco State College for one year. In 1936 she moved to New York and was employed there for a short time at the Metropolitan Opera House in the Treasurer's Office and later was a Girl's Counsellor at a camp in Poughkeepsie, New York, under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society. At this time she has been on the staff at Letterman just five weeks, but has already mastered the details of her position and her associates already look upon her as an old-timer.

Miss Margaret McCarthy, who is in charge of contact with the Red Cross Chapters on seriously ill patients, is the veteran of the staff, having longer service than anyone else in the office. Miss McCarthy was born in Butte, Montana, and went to high school in Seattle, Washington. Before coming to San Francisco she had been employed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Seattle.

Miss Imogene Claybaugh, the stenographer and statistical case worker in the office, was born at Rolette, North Dakota, and later moved to Grenora in the same state where her father conducted a small hospital Miss Claybaugh received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1936, majoring in Speech and her minors were in Psychology and English. After graduation she attended school and worked in New York City for a period of three years. She has been on the staff here since February, 1941.

The latest addition to the Red Cross staff is Miss Lenora Rhine, who was born here in San Francisco and has been a life-long resident of her native city. She graduated from Girls' High School and later majored in history at the University of Cal-

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EDITORIAL

"My country—may she ever be right but my Country, right or wrong."—Stephen Decatur.

Decatur has stated admirably a position which is ever an important concern to the citizenry of this country. The statement has been the battleground of thinkers since the day of its utterance. We have two groups of men and women divided on the wisdom of the great utterance.

There are those who hold to a Universal Datam of Right which is "yesterday, today, and forever the same." This school takes off from Platonism. According to this school right is always right and wrong is always wrong. There are no half way grounds. On the other hand there are others, more temperate perhaps, who think that there is no truth without the human equation and it is a truism that this said human equation is always short of perfection. In other words, it has a probable error aspect. This being true, Decatur was right in his statement, which when thoroughly analyzed says that "Right is the Ideal aspect toward which a country should guide herself but in this motion toward perfection at no stage can she be considered as absolutely right." "May she ever be right" is a prayer, a hope, a sublime aspiration, an appeal, but the practical facts are that the goal is never achieved tho' always in process of achievement.

Men who are sticklers for an absolute right too frequently are unable to achieve or to consummate. The practical realist is the one who, though he makes errors, is forever striving toward the ideal. The Ideal is my Country, and she is always Right!

But the means toward the ideal is full of halting and error. Yet the ideal is advanced in spite of the errors.

There could be no finer statement of truth today for the American mind than the very searching one of Stephen Decatur.



This week we have the pleasure of extending a word of welcome to three young ladies who have joined the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Helen Callesen was born in Stuartville, Minn., and took her professional training in Franklin Hospital, San Francisco. After graduation she was employed at the Oakhurst Sanitarium at Elma, Wash., and for the past three years she has been on the staff of Stanford Hospital in San Francisco.

Miss Irma Kauffman was born at Union, Ia. She graduated from the high school there and later from DePaul Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. She was then stationed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Phoenix, for one year as an instructor in the training school. Miss Kauffman later was located in Stanford University Hospital at Palo Alto, Calif., where she was in charge of the children's nursery. Miss Kauffman majored in dramatics while in college.

Miss Josephine Claire Osborne was born in San Francisco, Calif. She graduated from Live Oak Union High School in 1922, from St. Francis Hospital in 1927. She did one year of office nursing and one year as institutional nurse for the San Francisco Nursery of the Community Chest. Miss Osborne is decidedly an outdoor girl in recreation and sports.

Miss Wilma Sandberg enjoyed a week's vacation at Carmel.

Miss Venice Eames is a patient on Ward P. We hope she will soon be fully recovered.

Miss Edna Gardner is back on duty after an enjoyable vacation spent at Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Miss Charlotte Parham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Granthan, in North Carolina.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Mr. **Art Abreu**, the genial manager of the P. X. Gas station, giving a wind shield wipe for free to a good customer.

Miss **Ethel Theilman**, boss lady of the PTs, back from her vacation and looking hale and hearty.

Pvt. **Russell Meyer**, after a sojourn in the field ward, brought back to B-1, where he should be more comfortable by the time this emerges from the press.

Miss **Dorothy G. Simpson**, explaining to an audience of one that only two men have ever addressed her as "Dot." Is dot so?

Sergeant **Rudolph O. Shellhorn** emerging as a veteran of World War. When we thought he had gotten out of high school the year before last.

Miss **Virginia Kwiatt**, one of our younger dietitians, tripping lightly to work of a morning.

Mr. **Johnny Wolitarsky**, manager of the P. X. Grill, cutting into a delicious pumpkin pie while displaying no emotion whatsoever.

Miss **Ida E. Peschon**, invalided home from the Philippines only a fortnight ago, quickly dropping the role of patient, back to duty and already wearing a black band on her cap.

FLASH . . . Medical Genius Inherited

A doctor's son has upset all records of the science of heredity. "Like father, like son" is now an "honest truly." Son Reginald was asked to write an essay on the human body in one of our schools and wrote the following:

"The body is divided into the branium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The branium contains the brain, when there is any. The borax contains the lungs, lights, liver, and kidneys, and the abominable cavity contains the owels, a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y.

The scientific data supplied by Letterman library.

Johnny—"Dad, you're pretty lucky."

Father—"Why?"

Johnny—"You won't have to buy me any new school books next fall. I'm going to use the same old ones."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY
November 9, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

Colonel William Kay Bartlett, Medical Corps, United States Army Retired, died at Letterman General Hospital on Sunday, November 2.

Colonel Bartlett was born at Warsaw, New York, on March 28, 1878. He was awarded his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the Medico-Chirurgical College in Pennsylvania in 1903. He was commissioned First Lieutenant Medical Corps on June 15, 1907, and promoted through the various grades until he became a Colonel on the 15th of June, 1933. He was retired for disability in line of duty in September, 1935.

Following a Mass of Requiem at St. Edwards Church, San Francisco, a number of friends, including Brigadier General and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt accompanied the cortege to the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno, where Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna oficiated at interment services.

Colonel Bartlett is survived by his widow, Mrs. Audrey Ballantyne Bartlett and his daughter Jane Bartlett Brooks, the wife of Captain Harold E. Brooks of Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Armistice Service At Post Chapel On November 9

Members of George Washington Post No. 114 and Marina Post No. 348, with their ladies and friends, will conduct chapel rites at Presidio Post Chapel Sunday, November 9, 1941, at 10:15 a. m. The Legion has given a memorial window to the beautiful chapel and each year rededicates this window and themselves as well to the sacred memory of Armistice Day. The window dedicated symbolizes "courage." It is a beautiful window, sacred alike to veteran and to the young manhood now standing by ready to respond to any call or test this nation shall ask or expect.

Lt. Colonel George Munteanu is Commanding Officer and will give address of welcome. Lt. Col. Edwin Burling will conduct the service.

Q. M. NEWS

Staff Sergeant Mehr has returned to duty after spending a short time in the hospital for a minor operation. Good to have you back on the job again, Charlie.

Private Jack C. Shurtz recently joined the detachment and has been assigned the task of bringing maps of the Hospital up to date.

A few members of the enlisted personnel on duty at the garage have been wondering who is to be relieved from duty as drivers, as it is expected that they will be replaced by civilian drivers in the near future. Sorry I can't give you the information you desire, fellows, but don't worry—they tell me that ward duty isn't as bad as some people say it is.

Through a regretted oversight, ye reporter failed to mention in the news last week the two mascots who attended the overnight camp at Mt. Diablo State Park in the persons of Robert W. Rowell, son of Master Sgt. Rowell, and Lloyd Dinkelspiel, son of a prominent San Francisco attorney. The two had a swell time showing Lieutenants Brice and Ford the fine points of how football should be played. Robert Rowell was born at Letterman and has lived here all of his young life. The urge to follow in his dad's footsteps is very strong in Bob.

A large number of the civilian personnel of the Quartermaster Corps have adopted the idea of buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps each month, thereby aiding the country in its drive for defense as well as starting a savings fund for themselves.



The Stork Was Here

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Melford W. Miller, 70th Pur. Sq., A.C., Hamilton Field, a son, Kenneth Charles, 8 lbs. 2 oz., born October 28.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles E. Capito, Q.M.C., Presdidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Judith Ann, 7 lbs. 8 oz., born October 31.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Lindsy E. Eaton, 78th Sch. Sq., A.C., Moffett Field, a daughter, Linda Elaine, 6 lbs. 4 oz., born October 31.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Dan Easterday, 30th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Emily Ann, 6 lbs. 15 oz., born November 2.

To Captain and Mrs. Howard H. Sievers, S.F.G.D. Engineers, Presidio of San Francisco, a son, Robert Henry, 7 lbs. 15 oz., born November 2.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Ted L. Egbert, C.A.S.C. Reserve 1932, Fort Winfield Scott, a son, Egbert, 7 lbs. 10 oz., born November 3.

SOCIAL WORKER



Miss Barbara White, Medical Social Worker at Letterman General Hospital.

Miss Barbara White was born in Petaluma, Calif., but has lived in San Francisco since the age of four. She attended Lowell High School and then was a student at the University of California from 1930 to December, 1933, with a major in French. She worked for the State Relief Administration from 1934 to 1937. In that year she returned to University of California for a year's graduate work in the Social Service Curriculum, with additional work in Medical Social Service. She worked for the Public Welfare Dept. of San Francisco from January of 1939 until she came to the Red Cross in September of this year.

At the present time, as medical social worker at Letterman General Hospital, she has the responsibility of giving case work service to patients in the medical words.

Some girls can get happy as a lark on a few swallows.



A patient at Letterman General Hospital is interviewed by Miss Dorothy G. Simpson, Medical Social Service staff member.

MISS SIMPSON HAS GOODBACKGROUND FOR SOCIAL WORK

Miss Dorothy G. Simpson was born in Milwaukee, Wis., but came to San Francisco with her parents at an early age. After graduating from Mission High School in San Francisco she took a business course and was in commercial life for a short time. She next attended the University of California where she was awarded a degree of Bachelor of Arts and followed with a year of post graduate work in medical social service.

Before coming to Letterman Hospital in January of this year she had been a medical social service worker at the Sacramento County Hospital for two and one-half years. In her present capacity she looks after the case work on the surgical wards of this hospital as well as referrals from the Outpatient Department.

Customer—"Remember the cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer—"Yes, madam."

Customer—"Did you say it was imported from Europe or deported?"

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Staff Sergeant Herbert J. Ligier Has Good Record

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier was born in Chicago, Illinois, where he was graduated from Roosevelt High School and later attended the University of Illinois. He enlisted in the Army on December 23, 1939 at Fort Mc Arthur, California, and was assigned to Letterman General Hospital, his first and only station.

He was promoted to Sergeant December, 1940 and Staff Sergeant June 13, 1941. This is unusually rapid promotion to reach the grade of Staff Sergeant within one and one-half years on a first enlistment. He has been the non-commissioned officer in charge of personnel on the neuropsychiatric service since January 5, 1940.

He was married on November 27, 1940, to Miss Marjorie Levey of San Francisco. They have no children.

Colonel Dart on New Lures for Finny Denizens

New Lures for Finny Denzines

"Fish will not bite on a falling barometer," says Colonel Dart. So what? See to it that when you drop your barometer overboard that it rises—then the fish will go for it!

The Colonel did not indicate what it was about a barometer that the fish would or would not go for. It is presumed that it was the mercury contained therein. The Colonel didn't indicate that the fish would bite on a Ford any more readily than on a Mercury. Even tho' they are much alike. Fish wouldn't bite on a falling Mercury. The splash presumably being greater than in said Ford. The Colonel mentioned the name of the fish. It wasn't the "bass." The word was not "trout"--it was a short name—sounded very much the same name often heard in connection with an irrigation project near Los Angeles, the first part of which name was Boulder—Boulder something or other. The three or four letter word was the one applied to the fish that do not bite on a falling barometer.

Several months ago the Colonel and others made a hurried trip to Fort Mason to get a tug going out to pick up an incoming transport. The Colonel missed the tug by minutes. No fault of his, however, but nonetheless he was heard to speak about the tug and he had a short name for it—the same name he used for fish that do not bite falling barometers, and the very same that is attached to Boulders, near Los Angeles. We are not clear yet on the sort of fish the Colonel had in mind—we gather that they are at least a water variety—that they have a tall red funnel—that smoke pours out of said funnel—and that they associate with boulders, and they won't bite on falling barometers!



Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier of Letterman General Hospital.

Here's a Sure Way To Easy Folding Money—Says Ligier

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

Your peerless (?) picker recovered somewhat over the weekend from his disastrous experience the week before although the picks were still not up to his usual high calibre. His average remains the same with his specials. One hundred per cent wrong so far and this week he will endeavor to maintain that sparkling performance. Certain unmentionable persons insist that I am in the pay of the big gamblers inasmuch as they are growing rich off the proceeds of the psychotic persons who insist on playing my selections. Well, here we are again, starting off with my A-1 special.

Washington	13	California	7
Stanford	20	U. S. C.	0
Notre Dame	14	Navy	0
Army	19	Harvard	0
Texas	35	Baylor	0
Fordham	19	Pitt	7
Minnesota	35	Nebraska	0
Oregon State	7	U. C. L. A.	6
Santa Clara	14	Oregon	7
Texas A & M	26	S. M. U.	0
Ohio State	14	Wisconsin	0
Missouri	19	N. Y. U.	0

Letterman Cagers Cop First Game From Company C

The Letterman cagers opened successfully their '41-'42 basketball season a week ago Wednesday night when they defeated Company "C" of the 30th Infantry 34-40 in a game which might at best be called "spotty." Occasional flashes of excellent ball playing were the main factors contributing to the Letterman victory. Individually the local boys were definitely superior to the "C" men; as a team, well, the score is much more demonstrative than words.

Letterman took the ball at the opening tipoff and with a follow-up by Edwards, two nice side shots by Pascal and a corner shot by Masterson, pushed through eight points ere the "C" men had time to draw a breath. From there on in it was nip and tuck with Letterman flashing often enough to stay in front. The score at the half stood at 22-14 in favor of the Medics and it was in the second half that every man on the squad received a chance to demonstrate his ability under pressure.

Late in the last half the "C" men threatened by drawing to within only four points of Letterman but a couple of quick baskets staved off the attack and "C's" hopes died there.

Though the Letterman men were never headed or very seriously threatened, team play, with a few exceptions, was definitely playing second fiddle to individual play. While few performances reached expected heights several were more or less outstanding. Pascal's 14 points looked mighty nice on the scorebook and the defensive work of Edwards, Gust and Morey rose to the occasion often enough to be worthwhile mentioning. Most gratifying of all was the play of Bob Botseth at center and guard and that of Goldstein at guard.

The box score:

	Made	Att.	T. P.	Pct.
Edwards	5	12	10	.410
Masterson	2	4	4	.500
Pascal	7	17	14	.410
Gust	1	3	2	.333
Morey	0	1	0	.000
Glassner	1	6	2	.160
Eastonovich	1	6	2	.160
Botseth	2	9	4	.222
Goldstein	1	3	2	.333
Fuller	0	1	0	.000
Letterman	20	62	40	.322
Company "C"	17	65	34	.260

Practicing on a strange court last Monday night the Letterman maple court congregation looked plenty sharp in a fast scrimmage with the Fort Mason M.P.'s. Mason threw plenty of obstacles at the boys in the form of six-footers and Letterman bounced right back with some mide court play that had the big boys tripping over each other.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for Albert C. Gianoli and Wm. H. McDonald who were appointed Sergeant and Corporal respectively.

A suggestion to you fellows who feel you have justifiable or merely conversational "beefs" to make about the Letterman Post would be to take a trip to some of the line outfits on your next day off to learn to appreciate our comforts of "Home."

We saw Pvt. William Schlichter holding something small and very much alive in his arms the other day in the P. X. Grill. That something was pale pink. We can't say the same for Bill!!!!!

We wonder: If Pvt. Pascal of Police and Personnel, that high scoring forward of the Letterman basketball club, is as graceful on the dance floor as he is on the basketball floor.

If Pvts. Eames and Anderson, operating technicians are going to have "Open House" now that they are living in the very ritz five room apartment on Filmore hill.

For whom the many musically minded men of the Detachment buy all the victorola records there are on the post. Jive and Symphony, Opera and solo records are to be had for the mere mentioning of the fact.

Why Corporal Hightower waits until someone else buys a certain young lady coffee, and then steps in and sees the young lady back to her office. Could it be you are low on the well known "scratch,' Corporal?

What new business venture Pvt. Mason is going to attempt now that his contracts for painting, hauling etc., are completed and he has had and enjoyable three day furlough in the South?

If Sgt. Ward ever takes his daily morning dope sheet reading seriously and plays the horses

How RED Pvts. Mason and? Sistek's faces were when the Officer of the Day interrupted their game of "playing soldier" after hours.

Possibly this is a little early, but if you believe in Easter Bunnies and feel that you need your faith strengthened in those "bringers of many colored eggs" ask Miss Hoffert, of the Sergeant Major's Office to tell you her very convincing tale about rabbits.

LETTERMAN RED CROSS HISTORY TOLD

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Presidio, Fort Scott, Fort Baker, Fort Barry, Fort Mason, including the Transport Service, all came under Letterman jurisdiction. We even included Alcatraz, in those days an Army prison, Sunnyvale, far down the Peninsula, now Moffett Field, and, the most ambitious contact of all, the Presidio of Monterey. Besides these military units, we covered the Twelfth Naval District and other Army posts and stations too numerous to mention. Needless to say, our efforts were far flung rather than intensive.

Within the hospital itself a transformation had already begun. The old policy of 100% contact of newly admitted patients, with special emphasis upon their eligibility for government benefits, had been abandoned, and, although we still were ever watchful of a patient's eligibility for pension and compensation, we focused our activities on social case work. From this focus we believe we have never deviated.

As I think back over the early days, it seems fair to state that three of the five activities listed as carried on in 1920 were still, in 1926, considered legitimate undertakings. We did not, of course, continue construction of buildings; neither did we do ward visiting in the sense in which I assume the phrase was used in the earlier days. Our volunteers confined their activities, for the most part, to the Red Cross House, as the present Recreation Center was then known. Certain volunteers did, however, report regularly to certain selected wards but their number was few and there was practically no attempt at direct supervision of their work.

The real ward visiting that was done was the almost constant presence in the wards of the medical social workers, intent on participating in the solution of social case work problems with the help of the patients themselves and that of the ward officers. Several wards had full time case workers assigned to them alone. Such were the closed mental ward, the open mental ward and the gastro-intestinal ward. Probably the greatest difference between the activities listed in 1920 and those pursued in 1926 is to be found in connection with the classification "carrying on of Home Service and communication work for patients." In 1926 we added to the phrases, Home Service and communication work the never-to-be-dispensed with phrase, individualized case work. We had learned that no matter how adequate may be the service given by our Red Cross chapters to their local communities nothing can take the place, to a soldier in trouble—whether he is listed as a bed patient or an ambulant patient or an able bodied man—of a social worker with a background of professional education and experience, whose job it is to work out face to face with the man the beginnings, at least, of a settlement, personal or environmental or both, in the area of his social relationships.

It was in 1927 that the present Field Director took over from Mr. Krick, who had been transferred to Disaster Relief Service at National Headquarters. She has been working on the assignment ever since, with the help sometimes of a large staff of assistants, sometimes of only one clerk and one social worker.

In the early days, our main office had been in the so-called Red Cross Hut, but by 1926 we had moved to that section of the main quadrangle of the hospital that is now the Solarium, and most of the 15 paid workers had desks in the one large room. The winter months were occasionally uncomfortable, for the heating was not all it might have been, and, as the glass roof was broken in places, buckets were, on rainy days, almost as much a part of the office furniture as were the filing cabinets.

Important enough to record in this historical outline of Red Cross development at Letterman is the issue in September of 1929 of Hospital Memorandum No. 109. This memorandum began "The Social Service Department of the American Red Cross of this hospital is prepared to perform the following services:—" Thereupon followed an extensive list, which, thanks to a very undrestanding Commanding Officer, who was then known to us as Col. Wallace DeWitt, had been written up by

(To be continued next week)

Mrs. Bertha E. Lovell

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time in the past. Although our staff is smaller than it was in 1926, in one sense at least our responsibilities are less. In 1926, the Letterman Field Director's office served all the military and naval units inside this immediate area and within a radius of more than a hundred miles. Today, we serve Letterman alone. Our group of eleven paid workers, aided by three W. P. A. workers and some thirty well-organized and uniformed volunteers, seems adequate for our present needs. We are fortunate in the support and stimulus we receive from the Commanding General, who, on his return to Letterman last year, we greeted as an old and valued friend. The Field Director can only hope for the Red Cross unit here, in the future, a continuation of the good will that encourages and inspirits us today.

Here and There

There's a bunch of females around this hospital who travel widely. One week it is Tanforan, hobnobbing with the not too savoir faire; next week it is Carmel where they can be heard slinging that broad "A" as if they were born to it.

Private Sarl Cotella (UPO) has a proposition to make to the Army in particular and the Government in general. After he has served his year he is perfectly willing to stay with us. But here's the catch: his pay must automatically and immediately be raised to $200.00 per month. Of course he would like more but will compromise on this modest sum. His friends of the UPO are now considering the donation idea each one is to contribute so much monthly. He is a swell guy and a definite asset to the hospital in particular,—and the Army in general. This is very, very casually thrown in, should you wish to do your part.

In case you are in the dumps and feel need of advice and stuff, consult Dorothy Dix, affectionally known as Ma Dies (File Room). She is a honey and we love her.

If any of you have any old broken down chairs or other furniture beyond use, see Edith Turner. She is in the throes of furnishing a place and refuses to consider any item less than 50 years of age. In this connection, you probably have received a post-dated invitation to her place. So have we. But our advice is this: do not hold your breath waiting on the bid because as it looks now it will probably be a decade before we actually get a glimpse of that place. Of course, she has told you about it or those of them. Her friends are bored to distraction with those recitals of McAllister street shopping. They run when they see her coming. Now, it has gotten to the point where she nabs any stranger on the "porch" since her audience is becoming smaller and smaller. Might mention that she is to be seen on McAllister street any given Saturday afternoon giving those shopkeepers a run for their money. It has been said that many of them beat a hasty retreat when she moves into sight.

The Test of a Man

There is little satisfaction to be gained from doing things that hold no difficulties, its the tough old task that brings keen sense of worth and power to the man who wins the fight, his failures test his courage and his problems prove his might. Until a man has conquered loss and overcome defeat he can not fully understand just why success is sweet. Be thankful for the days of doubt, when it was hard to see that all things work together for the good that is to be, be glad for all that life has brought, because today we know that men must brave adversities if they would greater grow.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Sergeant Wilber K. Selvey, assistant instructor of the laboratory school, left these schools on detached service on October 31, 1941, for Denver, Colo. Selvey has four days delay en route and expects to visit his home and friends at Marionville, Mo.

According to reports, Herman R. Knoller, chief charge of quarters of the schools, has been doing all right for himself lately. Reports have been trickling into this office stating that Knoller has been stepping out with a celebrity; she is widely publicized by that well known local columnsit —Herb Caen. More power to you, Herman!

The whole school detachment was very excited and roused when reports were overheard, in a conversation, that Acting First Sergeant John T. Young, was now planning to enter the realm of wedlock. When personally interviewed by your correspondent, whether this was true or not, he answered, "Yes, in June of 1964!"

Word was received a few days back from the school's former 1st Sergeant, Joseph I. Murray, who is at the present time attending Officers Candidate School, Carlisle Barracks, Penna. Murray said he was awfully busy, often studying until late hours of the night, besides being under instruction all through the day. He said it was no snap! Murray also gave his best regards to all his intimate friends and acquaintances here in the hospital and school.

Lieutenant Benjamin J. Kingwell, assistant instructor of the pharmacy school, and Miss Evelyn Ballard of San Rafael, Calif., bowed to marriage ceremonies on Sunday, November 2, 1941, at the Methodist church of Sebastopol, Calif. The celebrated occasion culminated a long and happy romance which began in grammar school, many years ago.

The formal wedding was attended by more than 300 close friends and relatives of the young couple. This was followed by a reception at the church.

They will reside here in San Francisco.

LETTERMAN HAS VETERANS OF FIRST WORLD WAR

The old battle lines of 1918 still hold. World War Veterans "carry on" here at Letterman. Less than twenty of enlisted soldier personnel were in the first World War on November 11, 1918.

Who are they, where were they, and what were they doing?

Sgt. Major Inman was in Savneey, France, November 11, 1918. He had just come back from the front lines near Brest. On November 11 he had in his keeping a shell-shocked soldier who had gone bad at the front and was bringing the patient to Paris. The Sergeant thought the Armistice hour was celebrated as a "release" rather than as a "victory" by the men he observed.

Technical Sergeant Frank S. O'Brien, prominent in Letterman baggage affairs, was stationed in a small village up in the Toul sector, in France. He reports that on November 11 the trenches were rather quiet as though the men sensed the coming of peace. There were two shots fired by the enemy batteries just before the eleventh hour. These shots seemed to be without purpose, however. Sergeant O'Brien was very unhappy when the eleventh hour came for it brought to him a double sense of tragedy. His machine gunner mate had been killed just the day before, a man by the name of Sgt. Cowley. Why was it that Armistice could not have come a few hours earlier?

Staff Sergeant James C. Strickland, our very capable assistant in charge of the post mail service, was in a hospital in Vladivostok, Siberia. The Sergeant was with the 31st Infantry and about all he remembers is frozen toes and cold weather. The 31st Infantry was cut off from the main A. E. F. at the time. Its function was to guard the valuable mines. The Sergeant says there were few celebrations on the 11th.

Sgt. Percy E. Warren, our very efficient library assistant, was in France in the hospital at Dejon. He was a member of Battery 7th F. A., 1st Division. He says the air was filled with singing of songs. Groups of singing men and women came through the hospital wards. But he, with many another soldier, thought of the buddy that was killed just a day or perhaps a few hours before. Could they but have lived a few hours longer.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Jones was in France near St. Benoit with 103rd Engineers, 28th Division. The Sergeant was in the front line trenches when the eleventh hour came. The men were none too sure the Armistice hour was not some trick so they remained on their posts from 11:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. That night Sgt. Jones reports, the Americans went over to the German lines and had a great time. The Red Cross had just brought up a lot of cigarettes and the soldiers traded these to the Germans for German "kimmel" a drink that "makes glad the hearts of men." The Germans had also a good supply of cooked rabbits. Yum! Yum! It was a great celebration.

Technical Sergeant Gimble, our efficient transportation assistant was on a transport on November 11, about three days out from Hoboken, New Jersey. The ship was the U. S. A. T. Grant. There was no celebration. The ship turned back and landed the men at Newport. "Celebration," the Sergeant says, "The language spoken was a combination of Shakespeare, Bob Ingersoll, the King James version, and the U S. Navy. Bum—and even worse.

Master Sergeant Jack Greenwell, Retired, was at Fort Davis, Alaska. The Sergeant says he doesn't remember what was going on. They scarcely knew there was an Armistice. The post was three and one-half miles from Nome. News travelled slowly. There was little to remember and no celebration.

Master Sergeant Rowell was with the A. E. F. in Siberia near Vladivostok. There were 10,000 Americans there in the A. E. F. They didn't get the Armistice news until November 12 On the 11th the Sergeant was engaged in taking supplies to the 31st Infantry that had been cut off from Vladivostok. In order to do this the supplies had to be taken by Chinese junks by sea around so they could be received by the 31st Infantry. Cold Weather—but only two small skirmishes took place on the 11th. The Sergeant spent two years in Siberia.

Sergeant Chauncy Young was at Camp Stanley, Texas, in a cavalry school. Celebration? The Sergeant says he can hear the noise even yet. There was not a loose dishpan in Texas. The men raided the mess halls, dishes, pans, food, etc. Leave it to Texas to do the Lone Star stuff. The Sergeant says it was only because it was November 11 that saved them all from the guard house!

Sergeant Schellhorn was in Oakland with the S. A. T. C. at St. Mary's College. There were 220 students there in officers' training school. The Sergeant got a pass in the afternoon and joined the celebration held here in San Francisco.

Private F. C. Bullock was an attendant at Walter Reed on November 11. Walter Reed went wild. Everyone quit work—even the patients got well for a spree—and every auto and truck in Washington commandeered for the parade. What a time—what a celebration!

Private First Class Maguddato, an assistant in our excellent mess, was one of the Philippine Island scouts about thirty miles from Manila. The Sergeant reports that even the jungles were painted red on this occasion. The Scouts were patriotic no less than other units under Old Glory.

Private First Class Joe Orlowski was in the front line trenches at Verdun in France. He was with the 56th Infantry, Company B. He says that news came in at 10:30 to get ready to stand by. At 11:00 the news came but no one was sure that it was Armistice. There was much celebration. They then left the trenches and where possible went to nearby towns.

Private First Class Frank Marano was in Dejon, a small town in France with the 6th Ammunition Train. 11 o'clock made no difference to his orders. The Armistice was effective only where the firing was going on. He spent one year in France. Armistice Day meant only one thing to him—the hope to come home.

Chaplain Webb, Colonel, U. S. A., retired, was in some unpronounceable town in Siberia on the Amor River. The officers had a get-together. General Henry E. Starr was in charge. Among those present were Colonel Charles Morrow of the 27th Infantry and General Oi, Japanese General. All the officers present thought Armistice Day was the day before a general exodus out of frozen ears and toes. The Chaplain said—"We had to wait just another year before the leaving Armistice came about.

Technical Sergeant Henry Kuntz was at Rembre Court in France. This is in the Muse Argonne sector. He was in the Stokes Mortar Battery, 64th Infantry, 7th Division. He reports intense shooting until 11:00 a. m. There had been rumors but no one believed them. The Sergeant remained until 12:00 noon in the trenches. At this time the German came over to visit. Everyone was happy. The thought was "how lucky we are to be alive." The Sergeant was up against some real fighting.

Miss Clara Woodruff, one of our Letterman standbys in the nursing service, was in New York on Armistice Day waiting the ship to take her and 100 other nurses to Army Base Hospital No. 77 in France. Miss Woodruff was disappointed not to be able to get the overseas trip.

There were others about on Armistice Day. These too are veterans. Those youngsters, boys and girls at that time, were "right in there pitching." Veterans—yes—veterans all. Memories of the soldiers belong in one sense to the veteran as his own but in another sense—memories belong to America. Armistice Day is for all who love and serve America.

Sam Pens Another Epistle to Brother Willie in Arkansas

Mr. Willie Smith,
Burr City, Ark.
Dere Bud:

Ever sense I ben in the Army I have wundered where they kep the hostess you read so much about. They just started getting them not long ago before I cum to the hospital. I know wun day I wuz telling the Sgt. that I hadnt never seen no hostess around the post nowhere and he said I wouldnt know wun if I seen her and she'd be glad I didnt. That Sgt. thinks he is awful smart but I know whut a hostess is. That time Maw took us to the ladies aid party when we wuz little I asked her who wuz the lady dishing out the cake and ice cream and she told me that wuz our hostess. So any fool would know the hostess is the wun whut feeds you.

Well, since they let me git up and walk around I went in the kitchen and there wuz the purtiest lady dishing up our dinners. So I know they scent the first hostess they hired to the hospital. That is as it should be, of coars, becuz enybody can tell a sick soldier neads a hostess more than a well wun. But these here hostess' aint got time to stop and talk and chear you up like it says in the papers. They got too mutch work to do. The wun in our kitchen told me so.

Even at that I think it will be nise when they can hire enuff to go around and have sum hostess' in ever company. Think how mutch better it will be for us soldiers to have sum lady hostess in our mess halls instead of us having to work K. P. Maybe that's why the Sgt. answered me like he dun. He wuz just mad about them hiring hostess' and now he wont have no ol' kitchen work for us to do. I bet Unkle Sam or Mr. Roosevelt found out how he dun when we forgot to shine our shoes or somethin and how the ol' mess Sgt. made us work so they hired them hostess.

Yore brother,
Sam

Angus, answering the phone in a high voice, said: "I don't know; call the weather bureau."

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

Angus: "Some fellow asked if the coast was clear."

"Hold me up, I'm plastered," said the ceiling to the walls.

THE FOG HORN

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Army Construction In Contracts for Over a Million

Contracts totaling $1,090,777 have been awarded during the past two weeks for the construction of twenty-two United Service Oragizations recreation centers in California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, Colonel E. M. George, Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster announced in San Francisco today.

Negotiations for thirteen more sites are underway, and contracts for these additional buildings are expected to be awarded in the near future. Thirty-five centers costing about two million dollars are scheduled for the Ninth Corps Area.

Up to four weeks ago the nation-wide program for building more than two hundred and fifty USO buildings was in the hands of the Federal Works Administration. A Presidential order of September 26 transferred construction to the Construction Division of The Quartermaster General, with instructions that the buildings be ready for occupancy by Christmas. Starting from scratch, the Office of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster has within four weeks revised plans and specifications, acquired sites, let contracts and in many cases ordered contractors to begin work on the date of awarding the contract.

Purpose of the USO buildings is to provide attractive places where men can read hometown papers, write letters, entertain friends, enjoy dances, theatricals and other amusements. Essentially, the USO Building will give the soldier the nearest comfort to home, free from military formality and restrictions.

Funds for operation of the buildings will be furnished by the USO which has raised over fifteen million dollars for this purpose.

Draftee (to make conversation)—Do you think opals are unlucky?

Timmy—I should prefer diamonds—if it's all the same to you.

Thanksgiving Greetings

Not enough has been made of Thanksgiving. We have failed to note certain details in that first Thanksgiving occasion. Many had died that first winter from causes other than starvation. The very meager medical service available at that time could have been better equipped. The available medical service is a vital consideration on each Thanksgiving occasion. Without good health the spirit of happiness and thanks is at a minimum.

Another element in the first Thanksgiving situation about which small praise has been given was the little army of Captain Miles Standish and his six soldiers. These men did much to keep the entire colony from being wiped out. Much as we like to think of peace it is ever necessary to be prepared for grim realities ever near us.

It is my sincerest desire that all personnel of Letterman General Hospital with their families have a Most enjoyable Thanksgiving. I know that our patients here are, in many cases, distressed due to absence from home and friends at their Thanksgiving season. It is our desire to make you as comfortable as possible and ever to speed your recovery to normal health.

I am personally very grateful for the fine co-operation given my administration both by members of the staff and patients who have shown a splendid spirit—a spirit worthy of Thanksgiving appreciation.

WALLACE DE WITT,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

PROMOTIONS

News of the promotion of the following officers has been received from the War Department in Washington:

1st Lt. DeWitt Dominick, promoted to Captain.

1st Lt. Weldon J. Walker, promoted to Captain.

Congratulations are extended to the above officers on their advancement.

Take Nuptial Vows

Last evening in the Post Chapel at Letterman General Hospital Lieut. Vernon Carl Stehr, Medical Corps, an officer on the staff here, was united in matrimony with Miss Bertha Heinemann in the presence of a small group of friends of the young couple. Chaplain Harry A. Shuder was the officiating clergyman.

Big Thanksgiving Day Planned for Letterman Hospital

In keeping with the best traditions of the military service Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated in the traditional style long decreed as most acceptable to the soldiers. Under instructions from the Commanding General the Mess Officer, Lt. Lester J. Sawyer, has made what he believes will be adequate provision for the 2000 odd people who will partake of the dinner on that day.

A glance at his order book discloses that he has ordered 2200 pounds of turkey, 800 pounds of potatoes, 800 pounds of assorted fruits, 250 gallons of ice cream, 240 pounds of mince pie, 240 pounds pumpkin pie, 200 pounds of fruit cake, and 200 pounds of celery.

The menu will be entirely prepared in the mess kitchen at the hospital under the direction of Lt. Sawyer and his very able assistant, Master Sergeant Thomas Ward.

For the patients inhibited by internal ailments from participating in the feast there will be prepared tempting delicacies in the hope that they may be induced to share the general enthusiasm generated on all sides on the occasion of this national holiday. The menu arranged by Lt. Sawyer and approved by General DeWitt follows:

THANKSGIVING MENU

Consomme — **Saltines**
Celery Hearts — **Stuffed Olives**
Roast Turkey
Oyster Dressing — **Giblet Gravy**
Cranberry Sauce
Whipped Creamed Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus Tips
Mince Pie — **Pumpkin Pie**
Ice Cream Moulds — **Fruit Cake**
Bread and Butter
Assorted Fruit — **Assorted Nuts**
Candy
Cigars — **Cigarettes**
Cider
Coffee — **Milk**

INTERESTING HISTORY OF MEDICAL SERVICE AT LETTERMAN REVIEWED

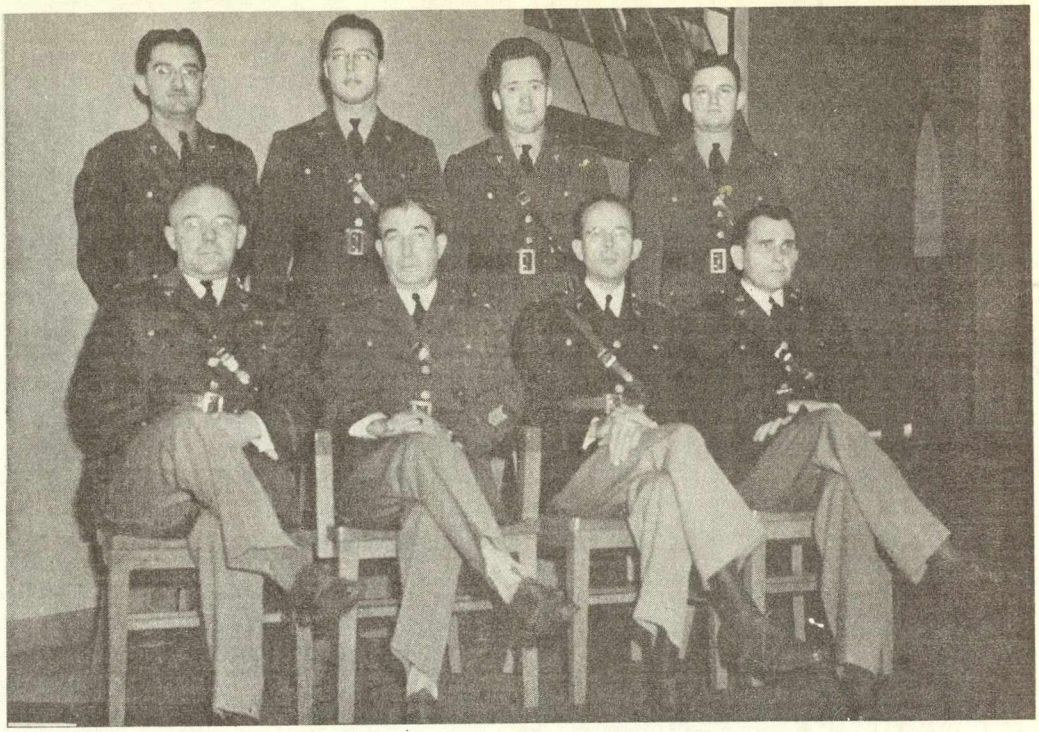
The present Medical Service at Letterman General Hospital may be traced back to the origin of the hospital and in this connection it is interesting to recall some early history.

The original general hospital was created during the Spanish-American War to meet the demands for treatment of the suddenly increased Army personnel in the San Francisco area, including the sick and wounded returning from the Philippines. The hospital was officially designated as general hospital December 12, 1898 and was called "The U. S. Army General Hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco, California." Immediately preceding this a temporary general field hospital had been established at the Post of Presidio. The new general hospital was staffed by six medical officers, one line officer, 23 contract female nurses, 14 hospital stewards (similar in status to present Noncommissioned Officers) and 70 Privates, Hospital Corps.

The construction of a new hospital plant was completed in July, 1899, at a cost of $113,339.50, and the plan was a modification of one drawn by Mr. W. H. Wilcox, a San Francisco architect, and was similar to that of the Laviboisiere in Paris. It was designed to accommodate 400 patients. The new plant was staffed by 19 officers, 158 enlisted men and 37 female nurses.

It is of interest to note that the diet was "fixed" for each week. Baked pork and beans always appeared on Tuesday, corned beef and cabbage on Thursday, fish on Friday, beefsteak and fried potatoes for breakfast on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, fish balls for Monday supper and hash or stew for Saturday supper. Special diets were available. The diet was well balanced and included plenty of fruit and vegetables.

Organization was elemental at first. Departments were created. Forms were initiated. Each officer (except the commanding officer whose duties also were numerous) was assigned two wards of 40 beds each besides various administrative duties. The professional service was divided into three divisions: general medical, general surgical, and veneral. No real correlation existed between or within the services. In 1899 the Medical Service had seven wards in the new buildings for acute and severe chronic cases, and an auxiliary of three of the barracks buildings in the Post of Presidio for the milder and convalescent cases. No attempt was made to segregate particular classes of medical cases. All insane patients from the Department of California and the Philippines were sent to this hospital for treatment and disposition. In that year (1899) the total of cases treated in the hospital was 5,390, the greatest count on any one day being 1,046—two and one-half times the normal capacity.



Chief of the Medical Service and his Chiefs of Sections are shown, reading from left to right, front row: Maj. Carl F. Steinhoff, Colonel Charles K. Berle, Chief of Medical Service; Major Ross Paull, Capt. Emmett B. Litteral. Rear row: Capt. Clement A. Tavares, Lieut. James R. Drake, Lieut. Gordon C. Landsdorf, Capt. Robert G. Rate.

Beginning in 1901, the Medical Service was under the supervision of the Superintendent of Medical Wards. The first set of Hospital Rules and Regulations was drawn up the same year. This was the beginning of professional service organization.

The hospital played an important part in World War I. The total number of medical cases in 1917 was 4,401 and in 1918 7,444. The hospital was designated as an orthopedic, veneral disease, and mental disease center, besides its function as a general hospital. It was also one of the few hospitals having a prison ward. So all through its Medical Service history, Letterman has been noted for its care and disposition of mental disease patients with all the accompanying difficult problems. The present is no exception.

Many noted officers have been Chief of the Medical Service, or their assistants, among whom may be mentioned (rank at time of duty at Letterman): Major W. S. Shields, Colonel Lloyd L. Smith, Major E. R. Gentry, Major Shelley U. Marietta, Major Roger Brooke, and Colonel W. H. Allen. Our present Chief of Service, Colonel Charles K. Berle, has had not only a background of administrative and professional training which is exceptional, but he is a clinician of rare ability and judgment, so that the tradition of superior professional work in the service is being perpetuated.

From the original structure the organization of the Medical Service has been improved year by year so that now, besides the Chief of Service and the Executive Officer, there are several sections headed by a chief of section, namely: General Medical, Officers', Cardiovascular-renal, Communicable Diseases, Gastro-intestinal, Neuropsychiatric and Dermatology and Syphilology. Each section chief is responsible to the Chief of Service and is responsible for his ward officers. Within each section special examinations are done, such as basal matabolic rate tests by the General Medical Section (approximately 1,000 a year), electrocardiograms by the Cardiovascular-renal Section (approximately 2,200 a year), and gastroscopies by the Gastro-intestinal Section (over 100 during the past year). The General Medical Section supervises the medical care of patients in the prison ward. The Communicabel Diseases Section induces pneumothorax in many patients each week. This section's record of less than 2 per cent mortality rate for primary pneumonia (as compared to 50-60 per cent in 1900 and 1901 at this instiution) is worthy of special commendation. We must realize, however, that our improvements depend upon the work of our predecessors.

The Medical Service occupies 18 wards and the electrocardiograph, basal metabolic rate and gastroscopy rooms. There are at present over 500 patients on the service.

A close working relationship exists between the Medical Service and the other services, namely: Surgical, Laboratory, Dental, Radiological, Outpatient, and the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Services. This co-operation among services is essential to the efficient and successful functioning of the professional work in the hospital. The Medical Service is very appreciative of the invaluable and necessary assistance rendered it in a co-operative spirit by the other services.

The Medical Service is extremely interested in encouraging its personnel—officers, nurses and enlisted

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Colonel Berle and the Officers of the Medical Service.

LIST OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL SERVICE AT LETTERMAN

Chief of Service: Colonel Charles K. Berle, M.C.

Executive Officer: Capt. James W. Callaway, M.C. (Capt. Oscar C. Helming, M.C., during absence of Captain Callaway on leave.)

Chief of Officers' Section: Major Ross Paull, M.C.

Chief of Communicable Diseases Section: Major Carl F. Steinhoff, M.C.

Chief of Neuropsychiatric Section: Major Emmett B. Litteral, M.C.

Chief of Cardiovascular-renal Section: First Lieut. Gordon C. Langsdorf, M.C.

Chief of General Medical Section: Capt. Robert G. Rate, M.C.

Chief of Gastro-intestinal Section: Capt. Clement A. Tavares, M.C.

Chief of Dermatology and Syphilology Section: First Lieut James R. Drake, M.C.

Wards A-1, A -2, L-1, Officers' Section, Ward Officer: First Lieut. George V. Potter, M.C.

Ward G-1, Communicable Diseases, Ward Officer: Capt. Sidney N. Zuckerman, M.C. Assistant: First Lieut. Stanley J. Lourdeaux, M.C.

Ward M-1, Cardiovascular-renal, Ward Officer: First Lieut Gordon C. Langsdorf, M.C.

Ward M-2, Communicable Diseases, Ward Officer: First Lieut. Stanley J. Lourdeaux, M.C.

Ward N-1, General Medical, Ward Officer: Capt. Robert G. Rate, M.C. Assistant: First Lieut. Henry H. Henstell, M.C.

Ward N-2, Neuropsychiatric open ward, Ward Officer: Capt. C. H. Godard, M.C.

Ward O-1, Gastro-intestinal, Ward Officer: Capt. Clement A. Tavares, M.C.

Ward O-2, Neuropsyhiatric open ward, Ward Officer: First Lieut. Arthur L. Burks, M.C.

Ward S-1, Neuropsychiatric closed ward, Ward Officer: Capt. William F. Clutts, M.C. Assistants: Capt. Joseph Biernoff, MC., First Lieut Sydney Green, M. C., First Lieut. Robley N. Ellis, M.C.

Ward S-2, Enforced Treatment and Detention, Ward Officer: Capt Robert G. Rate, M.C.

Ward 2, Convalescent Medical, Ward Officer: Capt. Oscar C. Helming, M.C. Assistant: First Lieut. James M. Geiger, M.C.

Ward 5, Communicable Diseases, Syphilology and Dermatology, Ward Officer: First Lieut James R. Drake, M.C.

Ward 10, Syphilology and Dermatology, Ward Officer: First Lieut. James R. Drake, M.C.

Ward 6, Communicable Diseases, Ward Officer: First Lieut. Stanton B. May, M.C.

Ward 9, Convalescent Medical, Ward Officer: First Lieut. Stanton B. May, M.C. Assistant: First Lieut. James M. Geiger, M.C.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Charles F. Ottinger, 6th C.A. Fort Baker, Calif., a son, Charles Allen Ottinger, 8 pounds 1½ ounces, born November 6, 1941.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Edward H. Attix, Ordnance Depot, Los Angeles, Calif., a son, Gerald Vincent, 5 pounds 10¾ ounces, born November 5, 1941.

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THANKS

Thanksgiving—and a magical stillness: on our continent, quiescence profound;

In our land, thanks, that calamity has been held off and stayed;

In our heavens there's a silence that seems not mere absence of sound,

But a peace with form and substance; a peace to be touched and weighed.

Yet we know that we live in the midst of the road of the cosmic wheel,

In the hot collision of forces, and clangor of boundless strife,

Mid the sound of the thunder of guns, of fighting nations, and the peal

Of the thunder of life.

—Sgt. Wilburn J. Germany

WPA Working Out Radio Program For Patients

The WPA, with the co-operation of Miss Isabel McCullough, supervisor of receration at Letterman General Hospital, has very generously offered to provide a radio program to be broadcast over the hospital public address system every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 11 o'clock, primarily for the benefit of the bed patients. Requests for special musical numbers will receive consideration and every effort will be made to comply with such requests.

Little Herbert—Paw, what's an advertisement?

Paw—An advertisement, my boy, is almost any picture of a pretty girl (or girls) eating, cooking, smelling, smoking, wearing or driving something the advertisers are anxious to sell.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Sergeant **Joseph J. Slusarski** without a cigar.

Miss **Marian McFadden** back at her own desk after pinch hitting in the inner office for the Registrar's domain and doing an excellent job of it.

Lieut. **Willard Calden** getting to his ward as usual soon after seven in the morning and we thought that only an untrameled bachelor could get on the job so early.

Private **Joseph Di Maggio** reporting in from Oahu on Armistice Day but he is only another of the same name and not the Bronx Bomber.

Miss **Orah D. Stephenson** in training for another black band to be added to her cap one of these days and will Oklahoma be right proud about that.

Corporal **James R. Guice** up and around again after his long siege of illness on N-2 and his many friends are delighted over his improvement.

Private **John McIntyre,** a veteran of the "Fighting First" Division, telling his audience where he was on the first Armistice Day.

Staff Sergeant **Hans Steinheimer** practicing on how to look like a retired man.

Two young ladies, who shall be nameless here, doing their part to merit the designation as the most consistent coffee drinkers at the PX grill.

Captain **William F. Beswick** passing out no money, only advice.

Proper care makes clothes last longer. Hang them up neatly after wearing.

STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND

The strength of the command as of November 10, 1941, was as follows:

Officers	134
Nurses	139
Enlisted Men	635
Patients	1257
Total	2165

A N C



The welcomes are numerous this week with two nurses reporting here for duty at their first station, members of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

Miss Myrna Spahr was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but has lived most of her life in California. She is a graduate of the Los Angeles High School and the Los Angeles City College. She made her professional training at the Los Angeles County General Hospital and was on duty there following her graduation. She first was on the staff at Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, and more recently at the United State Marine Hospital in this city.

Miss Nancy Kinsey was born in North Carolina and graduated from high school in Cambridge, Md. She spent ten years at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., three of which were spent in training.

From Fort Custer, Mich., come three reserve nurses who have been on duty there for the past eight months. Miss Teresa Trudeau was born at Woonsocket, S. D., and trained at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mitchel, S. D.

Miss Chrystal Lind was born at Rockford, Ill., and took her professional training at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Miss Catherine Hayes was born in Chicago and trained at the Mother Cabrini Hospital in Chicago.

From Camp Grant, Ill., also came three additions to our nursing staff where they have been on duty for the past nine months.

Miss Ida Mae Thompson was born at Mt. Carmel, Ill., and trained at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, Ill.

Miss Bessie Stevens was born at Springfield, Sangamon County, Ohio, and trained at the Springfield Hospital.

Miss Anita Alcala was born in San Antonio, Texas, and trained at the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio.

Miss Reve Ketcham visited here a few days after completing one year in the reesrve nurse corps. Four months of Miss Ketcham's time was spent at Letterman General Hospital and the remainder of her time spent at Camp San Luis Obispo.

Miss Cecilia Clark, a recently promoted chief nurse from Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif., visited Miss Cuppy this week.

Miss Balderstone has recovered from her illness.

Miss Dorothy Bill left November 13 for a 15-day vacation. Miss Bill expects to spend one week at Salinas, Calif., visiting friends. From there she will visit her sister in Oakland and father in Napa County.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

November 16, 1941

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Captain Pohlman Transferred to Fort Ord Hospital

Captain David A. Pohlman, for the past 17 months on duty with the Ear, Nose, and Throat service at this hospital, left here on Monday in compliance with orders of the War Department assigning him to the Station Hospital at Fort Ord, Calif.

Captain Pohlman is a native of the Hoosier State and was born at Bloomington. His medical course was made at St. Louis University where he was awarded his doctorate in medicine in 1933 and immediately on graduation was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve. He had an unusually varied period of internship with tours of duty at St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, and the Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo, N. Y. He also had a year of post graduate study in Ear, Nose, and Throat work at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Earlier this year Captain Pohlman was elected to Membership of the American Board of Otolaryngology. This is an honor conferred on specialists in nose and throat work only after a high standard of prerequisites has been attained in post graduate study and in active practice for a period of at least five years.

In addition to his professional qualifications Captain Pohlman possesses a genial personality and a keen wit. He added a lot to the informal gatherings in the staff room at mid-day.

Teacher—What, Bobby, you say you wouldn't like to be President?

Bobby—Not just now. If it's all the same to you, I'd rather wait until a couple more elections and things cool down a bit.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Methodist prelate of Richmond, Va., calls for a U. S. declaration of war now to preserve "the American way of life."

NEW CORPS AREA COMMANDER'S BIOGRAPHY TOLD

General Benedict has returned to command the Corps Area in which he served several tours of duty.

General Benedict was born at Hastings, Neb., on April 14, 1882. He enlisted in Co. K, 3rd Nebraska Infantry, on July 9, 1898, and served as private and sergeant until May 11, 1899, when he was mustered out of service. He was appointed to the Military Academy on June 19, 1900, and upon graduation, June 15, 1904, was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry.

PROMOTIONS

General Benedict was promoted to first lieutenant on March 3, 1911; to captain on July 1, 1916; to major (temporary) on August 5, 1915! to lieutenant colonel (temporary) on September 26, 1918; and to colonel (temporary) on May 12, 1919. He reverted to his permanent rank of captain on June 30, 1920; and was promoted to major, Regular Army, on July 1, 1920; to lieutenant colonel on April 8, 1928; to colonel on July 1, 1935; to brigadier general on November 1, 1938; and to major general September 25, 1940.

SERVICE

Shortly after graduation from the Military Academy, General Benedict sailed for the Philippines, where he served at Camp Connell, Samar, and at Camp Hartshorn, Samar, until March 10, 1905. Upon his return to the United States, he was assigned to duty at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., until January 2, 1908, except for a short tour of duty at San Francisco, Calif., from April 11 to July 2, 1906. General Benedict was again ordered to the Philippines, this time for duty at Camp Downes, Leyte. He returned to the United States on October 24, 1908, and was instructor in the Department of Philosophy, at the Military Academy, until August 24, 1912. He then served at Fort Lincoln, N. D., to December, 1912; and at Fort George Wright, Wash., to June, 1914.

General Benedict was ordered to Fort William H. Seward, Alaska, and upon completion of that duty in July, 1916, served another tour at the Military Academy as instructor in Department of Philosophy. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, on August 21, 1917, he was assigned to duty as Adjutant, 153rd Depot Brigade, at Camp Dix, N. J., and on September 25, 1918, he was ordered to Washington.

General Benedict served as a member of the General Staff, at Washington, until July 1, 1924. He then attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., completing the course as an honor student on June 15, 1925. He was graduated from the Army War College the following year and again served as a member of the War Department General Staff until June 30, 1930.



Major General Jay L. Benedict, U.S.A. General Benedict, a former Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, and later Commander of the 4th Army Corps with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., has assumed command of the Ninth Corps Area.

General Benedict sailed for Hawaii in the fall of 1930, and served as Inspector General, Hawaiian Department, to August 17, 1934. Upon his return to the United States he was assigned to duty as Executive Officer, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, and on September 11, 1935, was transferred to Fort Howard, Md., where he commanded the 12th Infantry to November 30, 1936, during which time he pursued a refresher course at the Infantry School. He was then ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., where he was Chief of Staff, Eighth Corps Area. He became Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., February 4, 1938, and left that post November 18, 1940, to take command of the Fourth Army Corps with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla. He assumed command of the Ninth Corps Area on November 3, 1941.

DECORATIONS

In 1919 General Benedict was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"In the organization and administration of the procurement and discharge section of the personnel branch, his energy, intelligent application, and good judgment have contributed greatly to the solution of the many difficult personnel problems pertaining to the procurement and discharge of officers, and the building up of the Officers' Reserve Corps."

Completion of Fortification for Canal Predicted

A recruit at Letterman General Hospital is much impressed by Letterman fortification system. Our recruit has been places—he has seen Panama, Puget Sound, Fort Scott, and Fort Cronkhite. The fortifications are wonderful—marvelous system. The very latest. Impregnable. In writing to his "folks" at home he indicated that he had heard the Mess Sergeant here at Letterman confide to another an obvious secret on local Letterman fortification system to be complete by Thanksgiving Day. The Mess Sergeant mentioned the new things being planned for arming the alimentary canal system here on Thanksgiving Day. Our recruit was nothing short of flabbergasted.

Scoffers Hiding As Result of Last Week's Pickings

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

Your maestro of the pigskin returned to his best form last Saturday with the result of 9 winners, 2 losses and 1 tie. This will silence the scoffers who have claimed that my selections were made with the aid of a pin. So far, there has been no offer for my services as football experts from the various newspapers but after this week's incomparable picks they should be rolling in. As usual we start with the special, which, much to my surprise, won last week.

Northwestern 7, Notre Dame 6.
Stanford 21, Washington State 14.
California 13, Oregon State 7.
Missiouri 14, Oklahoma 6.
Texas 27, Texas Christian 0.
Texas A. and M. 14, Rice 0.
Army 6, Penn 10.
Pitt 7, Nebraska 0.
Minnesota 21, Iowa 0.
Michigan 14, Columbia 0.

Whifflebotham—It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives.

Mrs. Whifflebotham (pleased)—Oh, what a flatterer you are, darling.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Lieut. Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, assistant commandant of the Special Service Schools, left the latter part of last week on detached service to Washington, D. C. The colonel has ten days' delay en route and hopes to spend it visiting intimate friends and relatives at Washington, D. C., and thereabouts.

Captain Wilson T. Smith, detachment commander and supply officer, of the schools, has been assigned as assistant commandant and director of the schools for the temporary absence of Lieutenant Colonel Ervin. Captain Smith sure has quite a few busy days ahead of him, holding down three of the most important jobs in the schools!

Technical Sergeant Charles R. Reuther, sergeant-major of the schools, took advantage of the Aristice Day holiday and asked for a three-day holiday. The first one in nearly a year! Reuther has had a tough assignment in being sergeant-major, and has over ten workers, including secretaries and clerks, to supervise. Well, the sergeant got the pass, all right! And guess what! He is going to stay around home! Boy, what initiative!

Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, assistant instructor of the x-ray school, visited his parents and friends this weekend, at his old home town of Fresno, Calif. Kachner is an expert marksman and stated that he found enough time to shoot up a few rabbits.

Sergeant Otto Stewart, assistant instructor of the dental school, left late last week on detached service to Vincent, Ohio. He has four days' delay en route and hopes to visit relatives in the central states.

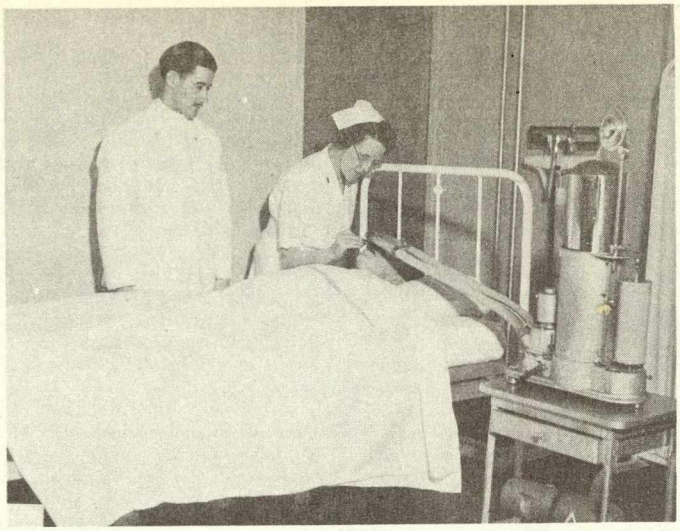
Private First Class John R. Terrell, assistant instructor of the pharmacy school, went on detached service again last week. This time he went to Warm Springs, Mont., from there he expects to journey to Pocatello, Idaho. There he will remain a few days, then will start his trek back to good old Letterman General.

Friends of former Private First Class William B. Gambril, clerk at the supply detachment, who was discharged nearly a month ago, will be glad to know that he has been resting all this time and says he expects to start to work immediately. Gambril is now staying with his sister, who resides in Oklahoma. He will go back to his old trade, that of salesmanship. He says hello to all his many friends here.

Sixty-four men of these schools were sent back to their respective stations on Friday, November 7, 1941. The largest number to be sent back to one place was 24 from Fort Lewis, Wash. Other places to send men were Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Stockton Air Field, Stockton, Calif.; Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho; Camp Roberts, Calif.; Moffitt Field, Calif.; Fort MacArthur, Calif.; Fort Rosecrans, Calif.; Fort Winfield Scott, Calif.

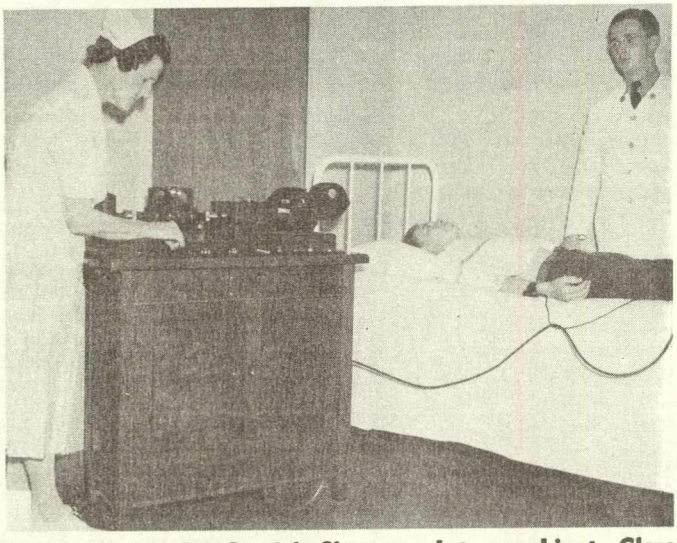
Captain Donald E. Casad, instructor of the medical school, has been assigned the additional job of being assistant detachment commander. He has been busy all week getting accustomed to some of the routines of being detachment commander.

ELECTRO-CARDIAGRAPH MACHINE



Left to right: at the machine, Lieut. Clara Woodruff; standing at side, Pvt. Roland Caisse.

BASAL METABOLISM MACHINE



Left to right: Dr. Patrick Shannon, Interne; Lieut. Clara Woodruff, A.N.C.

Boogy—Would you go into the war if we go in?

Woogy—Yes. I'm a married man and there is nothing I would like so much in the world as a little vacation.

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant Sorenson of the detachment office has been transferred to Mather Field. Success to you, Sergeant, at your new post.

Congratulations are in order for: Preston M. Roller, appointed sergeant; and Alfred A. Baer, Robert P. Gunthorpe and Norman A. Wallace, appointed Privates First Class.

Sergeant Thomas R. Bell has resigned his position as N. C. O. in charge of the Officers' Club. Sorry to see you leave, Sergeant, you have arranged some mighty good parties for the detachment.

On Saturday, November 1, at 7 p. m., Sergeant Conrad H. Niemeyer and Miss Margery Davis were joined in marriage by Reverend Julian C. McPheeters at the Glide Memorial Methodist Church. The Niemeyers are at home at 3300 Scott street.

Private Charles K. Anthony and Miss Pearl Margaret Hubner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hubner, Salt Lake City, were married November 3 by Judge Frank H. Dunne.

Interesting to behold:

Sergeant Vaughn collecting all the peas in a pea-pool game.

Private "Doc" Madson and his five lady "escorts."

Corporal "Windy" West getting his color back since his operation.

Q. M. NEWS

Sergeant Connell left this station last Thursday on a trip to Washington, D C., thence on to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he intends to visit relatives. Also Private Bissonnette left on a trip to Kansas City, Mo. Happy journies to both of you.

Questions have been asked as to why a certain man in the detachment is so interested in the daily newspaper lately. What is it, Bearse? You have never shown so much interest in the daily news before. It couldn't be the proposed pay increase, could it? Well, at least you are not alone for that is something of interest to all enlisted men.

Seen around the Marina District: A member of the detachment dressed in ladies' clothing and having a good old-fashioned time, on Hallowe'en night. For a moment you had me guessing, pal, but your Joe E. Brown features gave you away.

Red Cross Story Continued from Last Week's Issue

In 1932 we were named as one of the training fields for students in medical social work who were carrying graduate courses at the University of California. So far as we know, this was the first time that any Army or Navy hospital had been asked to provide this training for a group of graduate students in medical social work. Three students were assigned to us for the University year. Letterman Red Cross continued to provide this training each year through 1936.

In May, 1933, occurred a radical change in the entire Red Cross set-up—part of a nation-wide reorganization. Veteran patients had been withdrawn from Letterman and assigned to the large new hospital in San Francisco built at Ft. Miley by the U. S. Veterans' Administration. Consequently, the number of patients in the hospital had markedly decreased. Because of the business depression and the apparently lessened need of medical social work in the hospital, the staff was reduced to three—the Field Director, an Assistant Field Director and one clerical worker. We continued our work with the able-bodied units outside of Letterman, and did what we could for patient and personnel of the hospital.

We had no recreation workers in our group, and it seemed a good thing to have the hospital authorities take over the direction and upkeep of the Red Cross House, to which the Red Cross had already given the Army the title. At this time, the entertainment in the House was not as lavish, perhaps, as when it was handled by the two Red Cross recreation workers, but there were still occasional entertainments brought in by outsiders, and the picture shows went on as usual.

On March 17, 1936, when the first veterans were admitted to Letterman on a contract basis, a step made necessary by the fact that the new U. S. Veterans' Administration Hospital was already filled to overflowing, the increase began in the patient load which was to lead eventually to an increase in the size of our own Red Cross staff. Almost immediately, however, our office suffered a cataclysm, for in September, a new Field Director's office was created in the Presidio, and all the work with the able-bodied soldiers, except those belonging to the Letterman command, was taken over by the Bay Area Field Director. Letterman became Letterman in fact as well as in name. This split brought our Red Cross unit here into conformity with Red Cross units in Army and Navy General Hospitals in other parts of the country.

Gray Ladies, as a definitely organized and uniformed group, attached to the San Francisco Chapter, first appear upon the scene in the fall of this year, 1936. After a short course of four lectures, in the fall, the Ladies began to act as hostesses in a newly restored and tastefully redecorated Solarium. December brought Red Cross participation in the Christmas celebration and especially the first Gray Lady party in the Solarium. The next year, 1937, saw the complete prescribed Gray Lady lecture course given here, and on December 15 we held the first formal Gray Lady graduation exercises at Letterman. The graduates numbered 11. Another first occurred in 1938 when a WPA worker became part of our recreation program. We were fortunate that she was a licensed Culbertson bridge teacher who came to us each week to start classes in the Solarium. She represented the Hospital Recreation Project of the WPA. The upward trend in our staff membership did not begin until March 1939; in that month we added a second medical social worker to our staff of Field Director, medical social worker and stenographer. By 1938 at least 160 veterans were being hospitalized here and as their number increased, so did our staff. Today the Pacific Area undertakes to provide us with a staff of 11 in this station: a Field Director, Assistant Field Director, three medical social workers, two recreation workers, a secretary, and three stenographers. We have, in addition, three full-time WPA workers to assist us in recreation, and a group of more than 30 Gray Ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, chairman. Fifteen of these ladies graduated at Letterman on September 26 of this year. The record rests. We believe that we have a tradition to uphold worthy of our best efforts.

Interesting Story Of Medical Service Continued Here

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men—to improve their work by attending meetings (within and outside the hospital) and classes, and by discussions, reading and observation. The Service conducts refresher courses for officers assigned to it for that purpose.

The Medical Service also realizes that it is but an integral part of the hospital and of the Army. It recognizes its dependence upon the efficient functioning of the administrative offices which enables it to perform its professional duties relatively unhampered by administrative responsibilities. Likewise, the Chaplains and the Red Cross help to smooth many a rough path and improve the morale on the Service and in the hospital.

The Medical Service is well aware of the loyal work of the nursing staff, upon whom it depends for the nursing care of the patients. Under their supervision the Medical Department enlisted men and the civilian employees are also making a large contribution to the welfare and comfort of the patients. The non-commissioned officers and wardmasters are invaluable in administering the wards and in assuming their responsibilities and performing their respective duties efficiently.

Lastly, but perhaps most important of all, the co-operation and inspiration of our patients is appreciated.

Moffett-Fort Ord Affair Expects To Draw Crowd

Only Fort Ord stands in the way of Moffett Field's quest for the mythical Army football "championship" and the bitter rivals will meet in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium November 23 for the service classic, the "Big Battle."

Sunday, November 2, Moffett Field defeated the potent 40th Division eleven from San Luis Obispo 7-6 in a hard-fought game at San Jose while Fort Ord unleashed their big guns to beat Portland University 28-25.

Playing with the precision of a well-coached college team, the Moffetts have only lost one game, a 6-0 heartbreaker to St. Mary's. The cloudbusters beat Chico State 28-0, the Cal Ramblers 26-6, Camp Haan, the anti-aircraft unit from Riverside, 30-7, and the 40th Division 7-6.

Fort Ord was off to a slow start, tying strong San Jose State 6-6 and losing to Camp Haan 6-0. But Lt. Arthur "Snowy" Gustafson's big eleven came back to hand Fort Cronkite a 74-0 beating using third and fourth stringers and taking Portland U. 28-25.

The "Big Battle" will feature the color and glamour of army pageantry, when hundreds of soldiers from Ord and Moffett wheel and march in a military display before the game and during the half. Military materiel will be seen in action.

All proceeds of the November 23 contest will go to charity. The Call-Bulletin Christmas Fund, and Fort Ord and Moffett Field Athletic and Recreation Funds will divide the proceeds.

Myrtle—How does that fancy clock go that you won at the county fair last month?

Vernon—Fine! In fact, it does an hour in less than 45 minutes.

Army Projects Report Reduction In Accident Rate

Although throughout the nation an increasing number of accidents is reported on all types of defense work, figures received from 54 West Coast Army construction projects reveal that during the month of September the accident frequency in the Ninth Zone was substantially lower than the previous month, Colonel E. M. George, Constructing Quartermaster for the Zone, announced in San Francisco today.

A total of 6,032,757 manhours were worked in September on the Army's 123-million-dollar construction program in the Ninth Zone. Despite the magnitude of this work, most of it done under rush conditions, there occurred only 213 injuries serious enough to cause loss of time.

Reports from the 54 projects indicate that the accident frequency declined from 42.93 per million hours worked in August to 35.31 in September. The severity rate decreased correspondingly from 2.20 per thousand hours worked in August to 1.47 worked in September.

In terms of days, 8866 out of 754,-094 man days were lost.

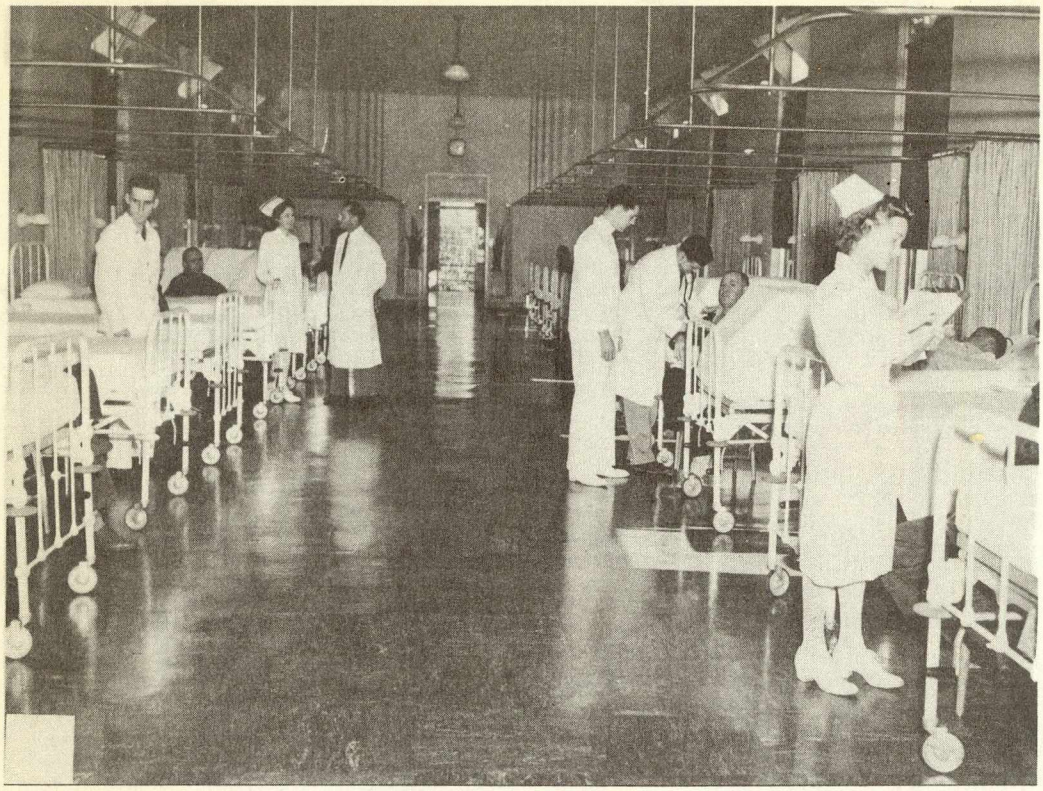
There was one fatality, at Fort Lewis, Wash., when an employe slipped on the roof of a chapel and fell to the ground. As a result, safety engineers charged a 6000-man-day loss against the project.

Other serious lost time injuries were due to falls, falling objects and strains from lifting heavy objects. One employe sustained two broken ankles when he jumped from a scaffold. Another serious injury resulted from a kick-back on a power saw.

Many Army contractors employ one or more safety inspectors in addition to the Safety Officer or Inspector on the Constructing Quartermaster's staff and the representatives of insurance companies. Foremen are instructed in safe practices and conditions through personal interviews, meetings, bulletins, safety literature and pictures. In some cases, employe safety meetings are held. Educational bulletins for the guidance of employes are also posted in prominent places throughout the projects.

Conferences are held by the Safety Officer for safety inspectors and project superintendents on a number of projects. Purpose of these meetings is to determine the safety measures necessary to eliminate accidents on jobs about to go under construction. On the basis of this advance analysis foremen are able to devise methods to minimize the possibility of accidents as work progresses.

VIEW OF GENERAL MEDICAL WARD AT LETTERMAN



Personnel, reading from left to right: Pvt. Francis E. McDonald, Ward Master; Miss Manda E. Zuber, Nurse in Charge; Lieut. Henry H. Henstell, Ward Officer; Dr. Francis W. Anderson, Interne; Capt. Robert G. Rate, Chief of Section; Miss Ada M. Plog, Ward Nurse.

PROMINENT DENTS MAKE STARTLING NEW CRUNCHING DISCOVERY HERE

Colonels Alley, of the Presidio, and Mathews, of Letterman, have at last found keys to the control of life. For the first time in history an after-dinner story has turned out to be research data number one. The best, though strangest of all, an Army Chaplain has been found Exhibit A in a truth plot! The facts are these —the Presidio Club members and guests were having a chicken dinner and a great crowd had assembled to which had come all Methodist chaplains in the 9th Corps Area. Anyway, there were many people present. One chaplain, we didn't get his name, stated that while out in a deep lake fishing recently his gold teeth had fallen out and gone overboard. The water was very deep, the chaplain was not able to swim in deep water (not being a Baptist). What to do? He had with him in the boat from his lunch a chicken drum stick—what to do? He tied a string about the chicken femur and dropped it overboard. No sooner had it reached bottom till the teeth grabbed it—and clung on and were pulled to the surface and recovered. This is a fact—a biting truth no doubt. Now for the discovery! This incident has led to the fact that the teeth are the source of human behavior. It was found that Methodist chaplains have a different tooth set-up than, say, beef-eating Episcopalians or fish-eating Catholics. Appetite is no longer a matter of vitamins, or of I. Q. for that matter. "By their teeth shall ye know them" is the new slogan of dental ministry. Colonel Mathews is assured that it is not an accident that babies like milk. The fact is they like milk because they have "milk teeth." The idea of the phrase "sweet tooth" is self-explanatory. "Wisdom teeth," rather rare and usually imbedded, account for wisdom. Colonel Ally is certain that when malnutrition is apparent in men all that is needed is to pull a tooth out and replace it with a tooth that has been "conditioned" toward the type of food needed. Allergies likewise are located in the teeth and when located can be pulled and replaced. Simple, isn't it? It is possible that the teeth of the future will contain a color scheme, different teeth representing a "conditioned" disposition toward body and even character needs. The red teeth will mean "stop" to certain foods—green teeth will mean "go ahead."

The colonels are enthusiastic—we believe they have found something, something with at least a kernel of truth in it.

Over the Fence

COMPANY "D,"
THIRTIETH INFANTRY

The newly installed speaker system throughout the Co. "D" buildings has proven time and again to be a worthwhile and valuable investment for all concerned. It has many advantages, especially of one occurrence, when the conversation of two soldiers was accidentally heard by the Company Commander and the 1st Sergeant in the Orderly Room. These two soldiers were plotting a way to avoid athletics and have finally agreed as to the manner in which they could escape the afternoon's play, when all of a sudden, like the burst of a bomb, a shocking, firm, voice comes through the speaker saying: "Corporal———— and Corporal———— fall out for athletics at once!!" This of course brought a load of laughter amongst the men witnessing this performance, and all we can say is that the HEAT was plenty HOT around the collars of these two disappointed men who DID hope in being with their fairer-sex during that nice sunny Wednesday afternoon. CARRY ON! MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!!

"When BETTER-looking men are needed, Co. 'D' has them." Recently a newspaper photographer took pictures of four soldiers to be used as a bill-board advertisement for some food concern tying in with the National Defense Program. These advertisements, as we have been told, will be in the public's eyes along the highways of the West Coast. They were Corp. Marron, Corp. Smith, Pvt. Sheedy, and Pvt. Wiseman. HOLLYWOOD, HERE WE COME!!!

Anyone interested in a poke in the nose see PVT. FATES and PVT. LUIZA . . . these two men are training for a boxing show soon to be given at the Post Gym . . . "THE CAMELS ARE COMING" show proved to be a success . . . financially . . . says PVTS. BOND, LESLIE AND ST. PIERRE . . . as they went along trying to borrow their favorite brand of cigarettes . . . among the **prominent socialites** attending the G.I. dance at the Aquatic Park recently were Corp. JAMES GORDON BUHL . . . PVT. GEORGE WILLIAM KINSALA . . . and PVT. WILLARD CHARLES DYE . . . they wore a beautiful, rich, olive drab, dark-toed blouse, the trousers being a slightly lighter color, with high, **heavy**, brown colored shoes, to **maneuver** or **shift** about the floor with syncopating, sweet music, and the "Flower from Heaven," in their arms, and thinking **only** the purer things of life . . . If you are looking for comedy . . . watch PVT. SPARKMAN gargle . . . the roar sounds like the rumble of an on-coming earthquake . . . The little man that wasn't there . . . that's FRANKIE HARVEY . . . and a REAL SOLDIER! . . . Will someone please give PVT. ABNER BAGLEY a THREE DAY PASS!!! . . . he wants to see his AUNT . . . Co. "D" received a commendation from the Officer of the Day for their splendid guard performance recently . . . KEEP IT UP, MEN . . . if Pvt. SNELL continues to get any fatter I'm afraid we'll have to use him for a barrage balloon . . . our rations have been cut! . . . "CHOW-HOUND" or better known as "OLD LADY" TEKLINSKI is now the new DRO . . . and now we close . . . but watch out! For we'll be back again.

THE FOG HORN

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30TH INFANTRY LEAVING S. F. FOR FORT LEWIS

After a sojourn of nearly 40 years at the Presidio of San Francisco, during which time it won undisputed claim to the title "San Francisco's Own," the 30th Infantry began to move on Friday last to its new station at Fort Lewis, Wash.

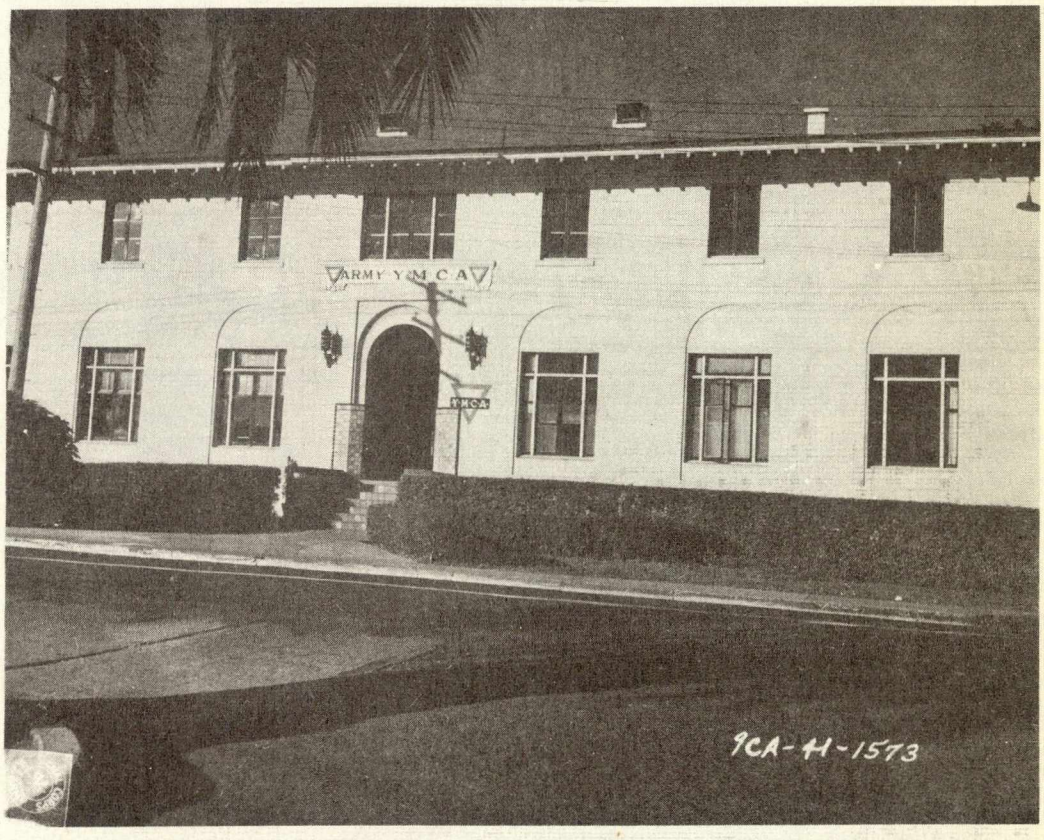
Since the reorganization of the 30th Infantry in 1901, the regiment served two tours in the Philippine Islands and was again absent from the Presidio during the World War No. 1.

In that conflict the regiment achieved undying fame for its contribution to the success of the 3rd Division in action against the enemy. An incident of the battle South of the Marne might be mentioned which has been termed the most brilliant single feat of American arms in the world:

"The 30th U. S. Infantry, under Colonel Butts, had prepared for the attack by building numerous trenches for the German Armies to photograph, and for the artillery to register on, and more numerous rifle pits and machine gun nests carefully camouflaged or concealed. By day the trenches were occupied, by night the rifle pits. The German artillery preparation had wiped out every trench, but the Infantry in its pits and nests, despite heavy losses, accounted for more than its members in German dead, and turned back the attack of a division. The result of this battle was the beginning of a great moral reverse, which was to find its completion in the ensuing counter attack at Soissons."

At the conclusion of the World War the 30th Infantry remained with the Army of Occupation until its return to the United States in the summer of 1919. It was stationed for a time at Fort Lewis, Wash., and in 1922 came back to the Presidio to stay until the orders for the present move were issued by the War Department.

The 53rd U. S. Infantry is under orders to move from Fort Ord to replace the 30th Infantry at the Presidio of San Francisco.



Army YMCA Building located on the Presidio of San Francisco.

A pamphlet entitled "Air Raid Warning System," a guide to aid local civilian defense organizations, has been sent by the Office of Civilian Defense to governors of states and subsequently will be made available to local defense councils.

Nearly $1,000,000,000 worth of machine tools will be produced in the United States in 1941.

1500 DOCTORS NEEDED BY ARMY

The United States Army is short 1500 doctors with neurological surgeons needed the most, Dr. Howard C. Naffziger, San Francisco nerve specialist and neurological chairman of the national medical research committee, told the American Academy of Neurological Surgery meeting at U. C. Hospital today.

"Operations on nerves and nerve wounds are the greatest problem in any war—a problem that has not been adequately solved as yet," Dr. Naffziger told his fellow surgeons in his discussion of neurological surgery and its relation to national defense.

NEATEST TRICK OF THE WEEK

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 17 (AP)—A frantic voice on the telephone told police headquarters there was a prowler in the basement making a lot of noise. Patrolmen caught the prowler—a mouse, its tail caught in a rat trap, racing around a dishpan.

—San Francisco Chronicle

ACTIVITIES OF YMCA VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY LETTERMAN

The following article on the activities of the Y.M.C.A. for the personnel of Letterman General Hospital and the Presidio of San Francisco was prepared by Mr. H. A. Loomis, executive secretary in charge of the Army Y.M.C.A.

The Army branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Presidio of San Francisco had its beginning in 1898 during the period of mobilization of troops for the Spanish American War. This was operated as a branch of the San Francisco Association and was carried out along the lines of that planned by the Christian Commission during the Civil War.

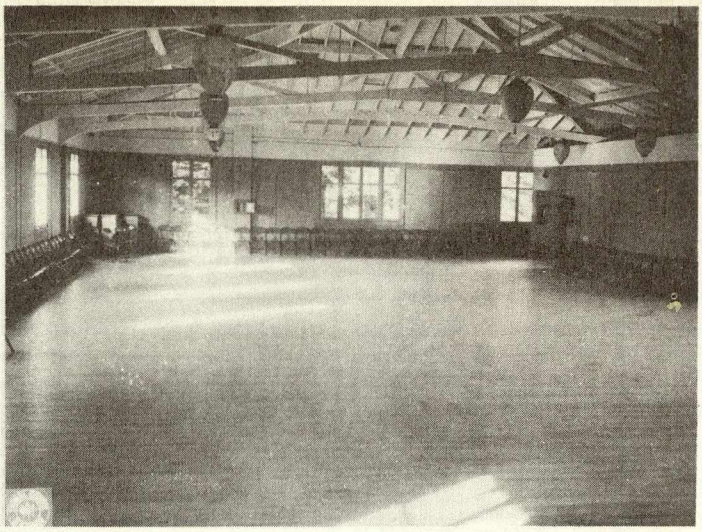
The secretaries who were at that time employed, not only worked with the troops during their period of training at the Presidio, but embarked with them on their trip to the Islands, continuing the work there, thus inaugurating the first Y.M.C.A. in the Philippine Islands.

At the occasion of hostilities they returned with the troops and continued work during the demobilization period. This effort seemed to have met a real need and it was decided that the work be continued among the men permanently stationed at the Presidio.

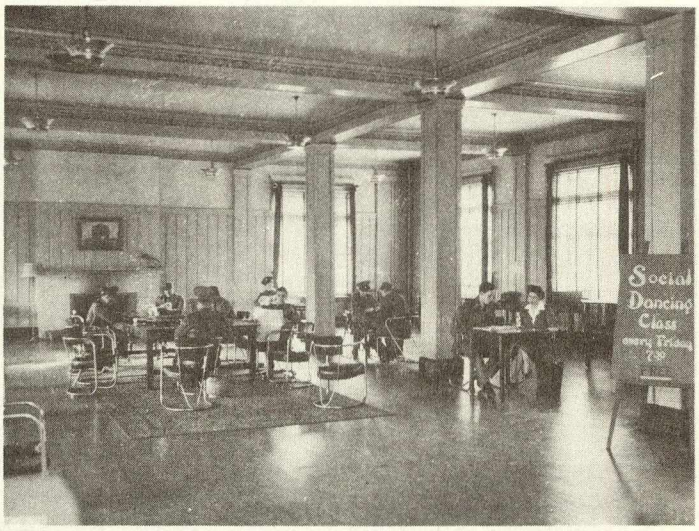
Quarters were provided by the War Department in one of the old wooden barracks and continued on this basis until about 1906.

After the San Francisco fire, the San Francisco City Association was so crippled by the destruction of its property and lack of funds that it was unable to continue to finance the Presidio work and the Army and Navy Department of the national body was requested to take it over. This was done in 1908. The work grew to such an extent that added facilities were necessary so the commanding officer of the Presidio assigned the post gymnasium to the Association so that its activities could be carried on to a greater extent. With these improved facilities a very effective program was promoted during the ensuing years.

The Panama Pacific Exposition authorities constructed a fine service men's club house located on the Exposition grounds and requested the Y.M.C.A. to operate the club for them. At the close of the Exposition this building was offered for sale to the Army and Navy Department of the Y.M.C.A. at a price of $1, provided it could be moved to a suitable location and continued in use for service men. The War Department set aside a fine piece of land directly opposite Letterman Geenral Hospital and the building was moved to this location and placed on a foundation which included a gymnasium in the basement. The construction of the basement with the gymnasium was largely done by soldier labor and materials furnished by the government. The cost of moving the building from the Exposition grounds to the new location was met by private subscription.



Auditorium of YMCA Building.



Main Lobby of YMCA Building.

At the outbreak of the World War, the "Y" found itself in possession of a splendid plant located in the most important military reservation on the Pacific Coast. It seemed almost providential that with the tremendous demands to be made upon the "Y," that it should find here at its disposal this equipment ready for use. Even these facilities were soon outgrown and two additional temporary buildings were constructed. One of these was located at Fort Scott at a point now occupied by the new Chapel. The work grew to such an extent during this World War period that a total of some 25 to 30 secretaries were employed in the three branches in order to give adequate service.

Following the close of the war, with the Presidio selected as one of the great demobilization camps of the country, a real opportunity was presented the Y.M.C.A. to assist in the preparation of these men for their return to civilian life.

In November, 1919, all welfare activities conducted on the reservation, together with buildings and equipment, were turned over to the government, with the exception of such agencies as were conducting activities prior to the war. According to this action, the two temporary buildings were taken over by the Army authorities but the original building was allowed to continue as a pre-war activity.

During the latter part of 1922 the Committee of Management of the branch received word from the trustees of the War Work fund that $50,000 would be available for the improvement of the Presidio property. This was accepted and a rear wing was added to the present building to house game rooms and a modern swimming pool. This addition gives the building and equipment a valuation of about $100,000. This does not, of course, include the grounds, which are held on a revocable lease from the government.

Today this building is serving, not only Presidio proper, but Letterman General Hospital and all of the Harbor Defenses, and is still ideally located to meet the needs of the enlisted personnel in the area.

Occupying the unique position of being the only Y.M.C.A. operating a building on a military reservation in the entire West means that constant effort must be expended to properly cover the area assigned to it. Needless to say, the faciliteis, which were fully adequate prior to the emergency, are now considerably overtaxed, hence the necessity of reaching out to the men at outlying points with a constant flow of entertainment.

A well rounded program of activities is promoted within the building, stressing sufficient variety so that one can secure the benefit of recreational, educational and religious activities, as much or as little as he may desire.

Since the emergency, the professional staff has grown from one secretary to four and the demands made upon the staff are such that an increase in that number is imperative. A considerable background of experience on the part of the professional staff gives it a real knowledge of needs and desires of the men of the service.

H. A. "Pop" Loomis, the executive secretary, has had 31 years' experience in Y.M.C.A. work, the major portion of which time has been given to work with the men of the service, resulting in a sympathetic understanding of their needs.

Bellvin F. Vincent, program secretary, has had 12 years' experience in activities and program work of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Vincent is constantly

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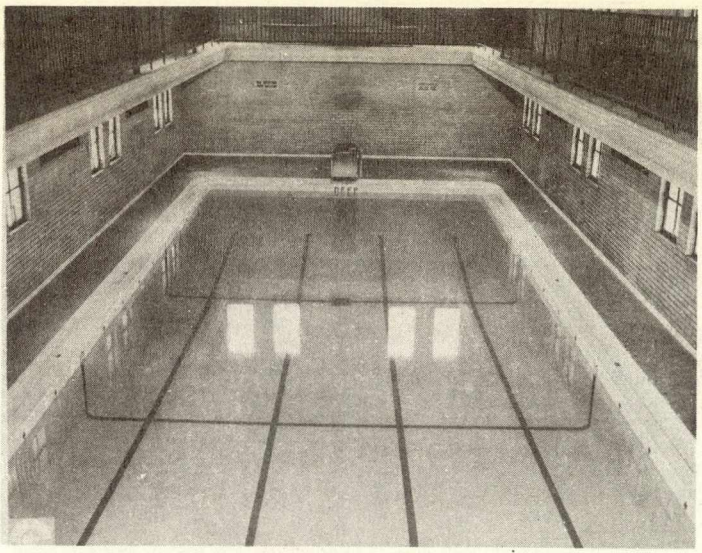
alert to discover new programs that will prove interesting and instructive to the men.

Joseph Codd, associate program secretary, holds A.B. and L.L.B. degrees, has praciced law antd has had had considerable theatrical and business experience previous to his conenction with the Army Y.M.C.A. His chief responsibility is the preparation of the many stage shows promoted for the entertainment of the service men.

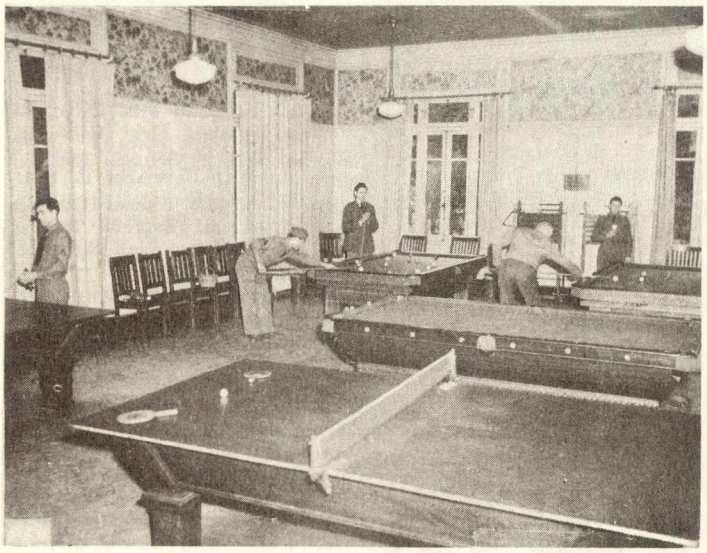
Helen S. Rowe, associate program secretary, whose chief responsibility is the creation of a friendly atmosphere within the building, has developed a warm place in the hearts of all those who know her. Many program features ave shown a decided improvement since she joined the staff of the "Y."

All of the employees are united in their desire to make the work of the Association a vital part of the life of the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The building, its equipment, program and the staff are here to provide a constructive program of activities for service men and no effort will be left unexpended to make this Y.M.C.A., next to the Church and Home, the most desirable place for service men to spend to advantage their leisure time.



Swimming Pool of YMCA Building.



Game Room of YMCA Building.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The extreme modesty displayed by Mr. Loomis in the above account of the "Y" activities prompts us to inform our readers that General De Witt and the personnel of this hospital cannot speak too highly of the value of the work being done by Mr. Loomis and his associates. The large number of the men attending the programs arranged by the "Y" staff is the best indication of the popularity of that group of willing workers. They have no axe to grind and nothing to sell but unselfish service and we are privileged to have them so close to the hospital.

A total of 2,466,058 pounds of copra was exported to the United States from the Island of Guam in 1940, according to the Census Bureau. In the same year, 409,128 pounds were shipped to the Philippine Islands and 444,204 to Japan.

Small cotton crib blankets make ideal sleeping-bags for baby with very little trouble. Sew up each side and part way across the top. Then run a silk tape draw string through the button-holed finish about the edge.

By buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps regularly you can help the Defense Program and, at the same time, help yourself and your family.

Wooden Indians in front of cigar stores did not originate in America. As early as the reign of James I the wooden Indian was a familiar sight in England.

Total benefit payments to American families from their life insurance companies this year are running at an annual rate approximately $680,000,000 greater than in 1929, an increase of 35 per cent.

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AMERICANS ARE LUCKY

Suppose the mythical man from Mars came up to you some day and asked you if you were an American. You'd say "Yes," of course. Then suppose he asked you another question:

"What is an American?"

Perhaps your answer would be something like this—

"I'm an American," you'd say. "When I hear an airplane, I don't look around for the nearest bombproof shelter. I know that it's carrying people and goods for the purpose of peacetime progress.

"I'm an American. I know that my newspaper and my radio will give me a fair picture of what's happening in the world, to the best of their ability.

"I'm an American. I send my children to a school where the teachers aren't merely vassals of the State—where the facts that are taught my children help to make them better, more intelligent citizens.

"I'm an American. I can talk freely with my friends, expressing my own opinions on both political and non-political subjects, without the fear that there are spies who listen to my every word and then report it to some high and secret tribunal."

You'd probably say these things and many more besides. And saying them would, in these troubled times, make you realize something else, so that you'd come to say just one thing more:

"I'm a lucky individual. I'm an American!"

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major **John D. Foley,** our able adjutant, in admiration over the improvement in the view from his office window.

Sergeant **Wesley O. Gross,** surrounded as usual by a bevy of beauties. Such popularity must be deserved.

Miss **Evelyn Hart,** black banded nurse on K-2, maintaining order and tranquility among her charges with a minimum of effort.

Lieut. **Louis F. Arnone,** back from his trip to the wastelands. As a Native Son anything east of the Sierras is wasteland to him.

One of our **Captains** in uniform meandering along the corridor with both hands in his pockets. Tsk! Tsk!

Sergeant **John P. Beckrich,** on B-1, jubilant over the score piled up by Santa Clara on Sunday last.

Captain **George Ekman** pleased as punch over the way the CDDs are moving along and out.

Captain **Louis F. Stecker,** half concealed and half revealed behind the big desk in the Registrar's Office, and passing out fresh cookies.

A **nurse** who **stood up** when the Chaplain entered the Ward Office. It can happen here!



Cleo Manning, the little extra girl who became the envy of every woman when in her first assignment as part of the "mob" in "Honky Tonk" she was kissed by Clark Gable.

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Congratulations are in order for two of our members who have been promoted to the rank of Chief Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Helene Marie Girodin was born in Douglas, Arizona, and made her professional training at San Diego County Hospital, San Diego. She has been at Letterman General Hospital since March 1, 1940, and she takes rank as Chief Nurse from November 15, 1941.

Miss Doris Rodman Goatley was born at Clyde, Kansas, and trained at the Louisville City Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to coming to Letterman General Hospital in September, 1927, she had been in service at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, and in the Philippine Department. Miss Goatley takes rank as Chief Nurse from November 14, 1941. Orders assigning her to duty at Fort Ord have been issued and she is now on thirty day leave prior to reporting at her new station.

We extend a word of welcome to Miss Jane Sanctuary, who during the past week was appointed in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve. She was born in Providence, R. I., and took her professional training at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. She is a graduate of Lowell High School of this city. Her hobbies are skiing, reading and sewing.

Miss Margaret Knierim and Miss Emily Weder spent last weekend visiting army posts in the southern part of the state.

Miss Vera S. Logan reports an enjoyable five day's vacation spent at Merced, Bekersfield, and Los Angeles.

Miss Adah Van Oss, Miss Frances Packer, and Miss Dorothy Holt were transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, last Monday.

Miss Venice Eames went on final leave last Wednesday following her resignation.

Some girls can get happy as a lark on a few swallows.

STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND

The strength of the command as of November 16th, 1941 was as follows:

Officers	**130**
Nurses	**140**
Enlisted Men	**710**
Patients	**1257**
Total	**2237**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

November 23, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Oliver M. Noland, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Oliver Martin, Jr., weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., born November 15, 1941.

To Sgt and Mrs. Thomas H. James, U.S.A., a son, Everett Thomas, weight 7 lbs 4 ozs., born November 15, 1941.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles C. Nolle, Company G, 30th Infantry, Presidio, a daughter, Sarah Beck, weight 8 lbs., born November 15, 1941.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles F. Robinson, 60th Materiel Sq., Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Susan, weight 6 lbs. 7 ozs., born November 14, 1941.

To Captain and Mrs. Joseph Dickey, Hq. 4th Army, Presidio, a son, James Stuart, weight, 7 lbs. 6¼ ozs., born November 11, 1941.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Sheridan, Jr., 11th Bn., 7th Group, Air Corps, Fort Dougas, Utah, a son, John Anthony, 7 lbs. 5½ ozs., born November 14, 1941.

Born to Captain and Mrs. R. La T. Cavanaugh, Medical Corps, U. S. Army, a son, James La Tourrette, on October 28, 1941, at Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Canal Zone. The child is named for his paternal great-great-grandfather, Chaplain James La Tourrette of the U. S. Army. He is the grandson of Colonel and Mrs. Harry La T. Cavanaugh, U. S. Army, Retired, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Francis Asbury Wilson of New York City and the late Mr. Wilson. On the maternal side is the great-grandson of Admiral Simon Newcomb. Captain Cavanaugh was stationed at Letterman General Hospital prior to his transfer to the Canal Zone.

HOBBIES



Tommy Rigdon

Anyone wishing to see what fine pictures may be taken with a camera listed in the lower price bracket should pay a call on Tommy Rigdon in Room 7, on Ward L-1.

Tommy is spending most of his time in bed these days—and nights—but his joint hobbies of picture making and stamp collecting helps him pass the long hours in a pleasant way.

One of his prize "shots" is a picture of himself in the whale's mouth. Under normal circumstances this would be quite a predicament but in this instance it is only the skeleton of a whale on exhibition at Point Lobos State Park near Carmel and the jaws are propped against accidental closing. His album has many interesting views of the country in this vicinity and if we can hold off our rainy season for a little while longer Tommy's collection should be expanded.

Tommy is the oldest of five children in the family of Major and Mrs. T. C. Rigdon. He is a student at Carmel High School and quite adept on a slack wire. Over the past weekend his brothers and sisters came up to the hospital en masse for a visit and we are still awaiting a complete report from Tommy on the outstanding events of the occasion.

"I turned the way I signaled," said the lady indignantly, after the crash.

"I know it," retorted the man. "That's what fooled me."

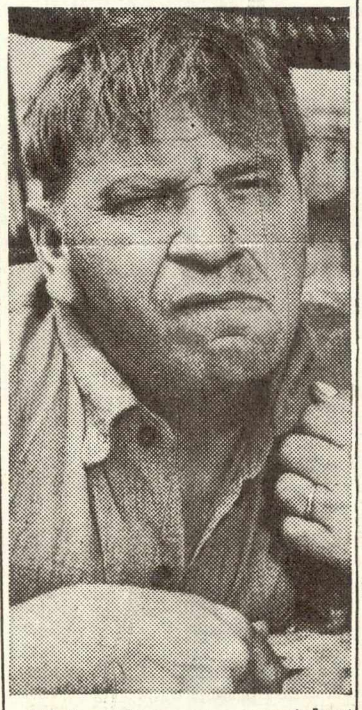
Here's True Dope We've Been Holding Back from Clients

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

As the season is gradually drawing to a close it becomes evident that the Fog Horn will have a new forecaster for the next year. Saturday's debacle definitely proved that what people have been saying is true, namely that "Ligier's picks lead to the poorhouse." Of course there is nothing wrong with showing the scoffers that they are narrow minded since this week I am offering a 100 per cent right card. We start with the special as usual. Unfortunately, no doubt through a typographical error my special went wrong, the teams were reversed. Fate is against me but here goes. Nothing but winners.

SPECIAL, SPECIAL SPECIAL
Ohio State 14, Michigan 13.

Minnesota 26, Wisconsin 12.
Fordham 20, St. Marys 13.
Northwestern 21, Illinois 0.
Notre Dame 10, U. S. C. 0.
Texas 14, Texas A. & M. 0.
Harvard 14, Yale 7.
Navy 7, Princeton 0.
Santa Clara 14, U. C. L. A. 6.
Missouri 21, Kansas 0
Oklahoma 13, Marquette 7.
Indiana 7, Purdue 6.



Wallace Beery as a roustabout fisherman has one of the most colorful roles of his career in "Barnacle Bill."

MEDICAL DETACH

At the present time the detachment which should number six hundred and six men is short of that strength by one hundred ninety-nine. As a result it becomes necessary at times for calls for additional duty for those present. The men of the detachment are to be complimented for bearing the added burden with complaint. It is expected within the near future to receive a draft of men which will bring us up to our authorized strength.

Sergeant Major Lee Inman was discharged Saturday, November 15 and reenlisted again the following day. He had a total of twenty-one years, two months and twenty-five days of service to his credit at the time of his discahge. He is to be congratulated on his reenlistment.

On November 8 an enlisted mens dance will be given at the Officers' Club for members of the school and detachment. Men who wish to bring their own partners are invited to do so, and for the men without partners fifty young ladies have been invited to act as hostesses. First Sergeant John B. Barr, and Sergeants John R. Saurwen, Thomas R. Bell and Jasper C. Martin are members of the committee in charge of the dance, and they announce that garrison uniforms will continue to be worn at these dances.

Congratulations to: Raymond G. Fontaine, Shigeo Horio, Porter W. Lewis, Ralph M. Mason and Gino P. Giovacchini who were apointed Privates First Class.

Sergeants Thomas R. Bell and John R. Saurwein returned from a day of fishing at Clear Lake with creels full of fish and tales of the many, many that got away.

On November 15, Private Satoru Akutagawa was released from active duty and transferred to the enlisted reserve corps.

"The weather in Los Angeles is a good health tonic if you can get it,' says Sergeant Ralph Gustafson. And apparently he got it, because he is in exceptionally fine spirits since his day "at home."

For the men who have felt that a little more physical exercise after hours would help, we suggest that they avail themselves of one of the Weekly Bulletins that can be found in the barracks each Saturday or the Service Club during the week and notice the fishing, golf, horseshoes, tennis, dancing and complete gymnasium which is available at both the Y.M.C.A. and Crissy Field.

NEW BOILERS BUILDING FOR LETTERMAN

Walter S. Leland Company of San Francisco last week submitted the low bid of $33,690 to the Constructing Quartermaster at Fort Mason for the installation of one high pressure steam boiler and changes in the Central Power plant at Letterman General Hospital.

The project will enatil the removal of one of the old boilers at the hospital power plant and replacing it with the new steam generating boiler.

Main steam pipes will be increased in size so as to facilitate the flow of steam to the entire Letterman General Hospital area. Auxiliary steam piping will also be increased.

Fuel for the new boiler will be gas with auxiliary oil system to be used as a standby. Flow meters will be installed as well as automatic fuel and damper control. The catwalk around the boilers will be extended and additional access provided.

Also listed for installation is a breeching to be fitted from the new boiler to the exsiting main stack breeching so as to permit flow of waste gases into the main machinery.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Two men who graduated from these schools in the past are now attending the schools again. This time they are taking different courses. The men are Robert L. Scherrer, who graduated from the surgical school with high honors, and robert L. Biggers, who also graduateded from the X-ray school. Scherrer is now purusing a laboratory course and Biggers is taking up pharmacy.

Sergeant Howard B. Dow, assistant instructor of the medical school, is in the hospital again. Dow has been in there quite a bit now and every one hopes he doesn't stay there long.

Well, Clovis L. Walker, assistant instructor of the medical school, should feel pretty good now—he was promoted to private first class on November 13, 1941. He had been looking forward to that for a long, long time and really deserved it!

Private First Class Benjamin T. Shedoudy, clerk at the school headquarters, went into the hospital again on November 8, 1941. Shedoudy was released from the hospital on October 7, 1941, after being submitted to an appendectomy.

There were approximately ninety students that came into these schools last week for courses of instruction. Forty per cent of these were from Fort Lewis, Washington.

First Soldier: What's the idea of all this "V" stuff

Second Soldier: That's "V' for victory.

First Soldier: Darn! I was hoping that was "V' for victuals!

May: "I went walking in the park with a movie usher last night."

Fay: "Did he talk shop?"

May: "Yes, every time he saw an empty bench he said, 'There's room for two over there.' "

He: "I'm a man of few words. Will you kiss me or won't you?"

She: "I wouldn't normally, but you've talked me into it."

Lady: Do you think the rain would damage the fur in this coat?

Clerk: Did you ever see a skunk carrying an umbrella, lady?

A man who works like a horse seldom makes an ass of himself.



MISS BEATRICE INEZ NEGROTTO being assisted from a car by her father, Lieut. Colonel Sidney H. Negrotto, as she was about to enter the post chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, for her marriage to Lieut. Paul E. Doherty, 30th Infantry, on Saturday, November 15.

LETTERMAN CAGERS WHIP INTO SHAPE FOR COMING SCHEDULE

Showing considerable improvement with each successive practice in both individual and concerted floor play the Letterman cagers have been whipping into a pretty good semblance of condition. Practice sessions are now carried out under game conditions in an effort to institute a familiarity of play amongst the men, and to season the more inexperienced players by working them with theregulars.

The most gratifying performance turned in recently has been the vastly improved play of Center Bob Dotseth. Dotseth was shifted from reserve guard to regular center to obtain an additional advantage in heighth which the squad sadly lacks. Still pretty rough around the edges, Dotseth has nevertheless demonstrated an aggressive game which carries he rest of the team along with him.

The fast breaking offense, which Letterman employs to a good advantage, is still in the adolescent stage and a bit shady in spots due to the inexperience of many of the men to this type of offense. In the majority of schools the standard slow-breaking "pussy in the corner" type of offense is employed as the fast break requires one or more "hot shots" in the front line, and "hot shots" are very hard to find. Letterman has two in Forwards Andre Pascal and Art Anderson in addition to the follow play of Dotseth under the bucket to carry the play on through. Occasional breaks by the guards often lure unsuspecting opponents into the false assumption that they are playing a team of five forwards.

The principal behind this type of system is to get the other guy on the run and keep him going. It often results in a high scoring game with the guy who jumps first usually coming out on top. In the Company "C" game Letterman got the jump right at the start, obtaining an eight point lead which they never relinquished throughout the remainder of the game in spite of a ragged defense. As for a fast shooting game . . . total points: 74.

Q. M. NEWS

Master Sergeant Rowell, Chief Clerk at the office has gone on a much needed furlough for a period of thirty days. Here's hoping that you have a very enjoyable time, Sgt. Rowell.

Since the last writing Private Frenchy Bissonnette has returned to duty afer a very pleasant trip to Kansas City, Missouri. Frenchy stated that the trip was good but he only stayed in Kansas City for one hour and then started back. I guess that this California weather can't be beat after all for Frenchy stated that it was snowing very hard while in Kansas. Is that all, Frenchy?

The talk of the day seems to be the proposed pay increase soon to be presented to Congress. It seems that quite a few of the boys are wondering what is going to happen to the specialist ratings that are now held by the individual. Sorry that I can't remember this question fellows, but I suggest that you watch the Army and Naval Journal for further details. Anyway, no matter what bill is passed, if any, you may be assured that it will be of an advantage to all enlisted men.

Attention: We wonder if the Medical Detachment can top this: It is believed that the detachment can claim a record in the number of years of faithful and honest service under the colors, of the following named enlisted men.

Master Sgt. Robert P. Rowell — over 28 years.

Staff Sgt. Felix Trentowski — over 25 years.

Sergeant Jay Y. Connell — over 23 years.

Private First Class Dean Latimer —over 24 years.

Private Matthew Celic — over 24 years.

In considering that the strength of the detachment is only thirty-six enlisted men, I would say that this is a record. The total number of years shown above amount to 124. Yours truly having only fourteen more to go before retiring, would like to know if there would be a possible chance of borrowing a few years? Perhaps there are a few of you fellows who are thinking the same thing.

To widen defense production, National Defense Production Clinics will be held in Los Angeles November 17 and 18 and San Francisco November 24 and 25.

Man of Languages Stationed with Fourth Army

When a person speaks more than one language they are considered a little out of the ordinary, but when a person speaks five languages, as does Victor Belousoff of the Fourth Army Headquarters, that really is something. Belousoff, of Russian descent, was, before the draft reached him, a San Francisco resident, but has only been in this country about three years. His father was a former Russian Naval Officer, and his first home in Helsinki, Finland. During the revolution following the first world war, the Belousoff family moved to Eastern Siberia, and when Victor was 17 years old he moved to Harbin, Manchuria. There at Harbin, he completed four years of college, majoring in the Chinese language and at the same time winding up the finishing touches to complete his five accomplished languages. Japanese, Chinese, Russian, German, and English make up his main interests and he hopes to continue his schooling in languages to make this his life work. According to Belousoff, of all the places he has visited he thinks this country is the best place to live in, but readily admits that the Orient in peacetime is a very interesting place to visit. At the present time you can find our subject enrolled in a class studying Japanese, to further polish up his lingual disposition.

Items Sought For Kits to Be Given U. S. Service Men

The San Mateo County Chapter of the American Red Cross today issued a call for the donation of small articles to equip kit bags destined for United States service men in remote defense outposts.

Needed items, according to Mrs. Samuel M. Crim, in charge of the project at the local Red Cross production workroom, are: small notebooks, envelopes, small diaries, pencils, jackknives, pocket combs, tubes of shaving cream, playing cards, and one-cent government postcards. Five post cards and one each of the other items will be included in each kit bag, Mrs. Crim stated. The khaki bag, made with drawstring tops, are being produced at the workroom, and are furnished with partitions for the insertion of the various articles to be assembled there, it was said.

"Thirty thousand of these kit bags are now being produced by American Red Cross chapters," Mrs. Crim stated. "We have been requested to complete the production of our quota by December 1, in order that our hospitalized service men in such distant points as Alaska, the Phillipines and Iceland, may receive their bags by Christmas time."

Donors may contribute any of the above items or complete equipment for one or more kit bags Mrs. Crim said. Contributions should be taken to the Red Cross war relief production workroom of the San Mateo County Chapter, American Red Cross, located in the headquarters of the Burlingame Fire Department, Palm and California Drives, Burlingame. The workroom is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Chief Clerk of Medical Supply Sergeant Schmierer

Technical Sgt. Theodore Schmierer was born in Bismarck, N. D. He came with his parents in early infancy to California. He was graduated from the high school at Lodi and enlisted in the United States Army on December 5, 1926, at Letterman General Hospital. He became a corporal on August 11, 1936, sergeant December 1, 1939, staff sergeant December 1, 1940, and technical sergeant March 1, 1941.

Sergeant Schmierer's career is unique in that Letterman General Hospital has been his only station for the entire period of his service. For the past 11 years he has been on duty in the Medical Supply Office. For the past year he has been the non-commissioned officer in charge of that activity.

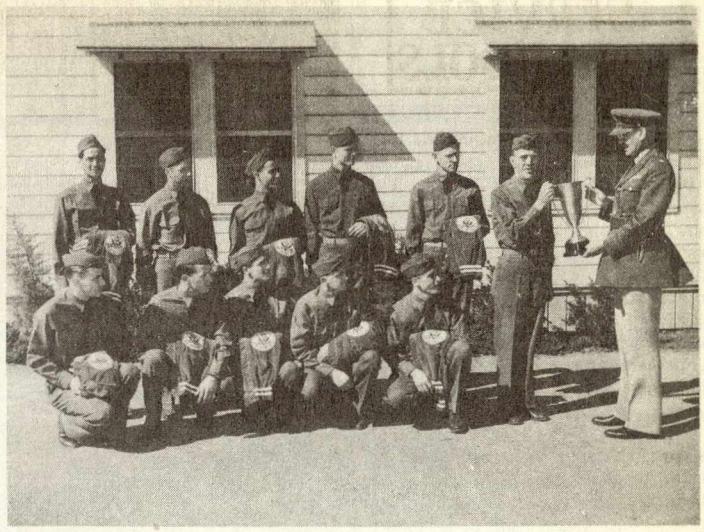
Sergeant Schmierer was married on December 7, 1936, to Miss Bernice Kelly of San Francisco. They have no children.



Technical Sergeant Theodore Schmierer, Medical Department, U. S. Army.

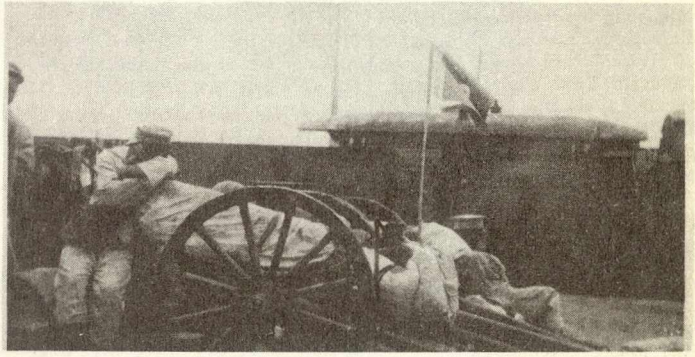
Industrial research has developed a new type of glass, with edges through which nails can be driven.

MEET SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS



Back row, left to right: N. Firpo, H. R. Laughlin, K. Lesa, M. T. Souza, G. F. Jorgensen, Sgt. W. C. Van Ness, Lt. Col. Geo. Munteanu, Post Commander. Kneeling: Sgt. C. Burns, M. Rackow, Cpl. C. Lecki, R. Sosnowski, A. Michalowski.

ARTILLERY MANEUVERS IN CHINA



Sgt. Young reports Chinese artillery as he saw it in action has a new formation peculiar to the Orient. It is called the "siesta barrage." It seems to be very effective since all the personnel are apparently temporarily at least put out of action. No doubt the enemy was similarly affected. In planning artillery action apparently temperature and humidity are very important data.

Mind Over Matter

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you like to win, but you think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world you find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.
Full many a race is lost
Ere ever a step is run;
And many a coward fails
Ere ever his work's begun.
Think big and your deeds will grow,
Think small and you'll fall behind,
Think that you can and you will;
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
IS THE FELLOW WHO THINKS HE CAN.

Camphor kept in the silver drawer will prevent tarnishing.



ARTILLERY ENTERTAINS

Sergeants Dickerman, Rose and Lawrence of Company "A" are currently referred to as Fifth Columnists because of their part in the recent defensive maneuvers. They were the three non-coms whom the company sent over to Fort Cronkhite to work with the artillery. They were invited to attend the beer party which followed the field exercises and made numerous friends among the artillerymen.

JEEPING AND DE-JEEPING

"A" Company has been learning to Jeep and De-Jeep for its coming part in the demonstration to be held at the Presidio, when the Army shows Young America something of what it's like to be a soldier.

TETANUS SHOTS

Taking the "tetanus shots" will remind some of the old timers of their foreign service days. To one, especially, it recalled taking cholera inoculations aboard the U. S. A. T. Grant several days at sea and in a bit of a storm.

BOWLING

Company "A's" leading bowler, Sergeant Fred Rodgers, was high man when the Post team bowled Moffett Field in the first match held there. The Post team beat the Airmen the second match held here but—Rodgers was low man in that one. Seems that he didn't feel so well before the game—or after.

The Post team journeys to San Jose Friday, looking for more conquests.



The Colors and Color Guard of the 30th Infantry.

"A" COMPANY LOSES LIEUT.

"A" Company will be sorry to learn that Lieutenant Duley will be gone from this station soon. He is to attend the Motor Transport School at Fort Wayne, Mich. The lieutenant is well liked by officers and men alike.

Selective Service Quotas Announced For December

Quotas of Selective Service trainees to be inducted into the Army December 1 to 5 total 3664 for the Ninth Corps Area, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, commanding general of the corps area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

California will furnish 2625 of these, Washington 341, Oregon 196, Idaho 167, Montana 136, Utah 116, and Nevada 83. Southern California will send 1315 selectees to the Reception Center at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Calif.; Northern California 1310 to that at the Presiido of Monterey, Calif.; those from Washington, Oregon, Montana, and 45 from Idaho will be sent to Fort Lewis, Wash.; and those from Utah, Nevada and the remaining 122 from Idaho wil go to Fort Douglas, Utah.

The latest call brings the total number of men called from the Ninth Corps Area to 90,006, of which state quotas have been as follows: California 62,938, Washington 9246, Oregon 5120, Montana 4173, Idaho 385, Utah 3340, Nevada 1273 (Wyoming, prior to its transfer to the Seventh Corps Area, 31).

Food for Thought



You seldom regret what you haven't said.

A human dynamo sometimes gets short-circuited.

It does not pay to be so busy doing so many things that you forget what you are supposed to be doing.

A total of 1,449 chaplains were serving with the U. S. Army on August 12, 1941.

The Office of Production Management reported that 1914 military aircraft were delivered in September, 1941.

Master Musician Breaks Forth

Major Steinhoff, our very versatile genius, famous for his discoveries in dogmatology, etc., has many talents. On early morning hours he may be heard singing along the wards. He is especially devoted to hymns. In front of the scarlet fever ward he was heard to sing an old refrain to new words:

"Tho' their skins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow."

Moffett and Fort Ord Grid Classic Sunday Afternoon

The last hurdle in Moffett Field's race to the championship of West Coast service football teams will be the Flyers' battle with the Fort Ord Soldiers November 23 in Kezar Stadium, San Francisco.

Although the Moffett Flyers deserve the edge on their impressive record, those Soldiers from Monterey are a tough lot of football talent and the game should be a corker.

Moffett Field again gained the win column Armistice Day with an impressive 20-7 victory over the Navy at Berkeley Stadium and will go into the Ord game with a definite edge.

However, on the same day down in Los Angeles, the Soldiers were outscored, but not outplayed, by Mickey Colmer and his buddies from the Fighting Fortieth Division, 13-0.

The statistics were just about even and the Ord men will be no setups for Marv Mosconi, Bill Huters and company when thye meet in a "grudge" battle at Kezar.

Moffett barely squeezed by these same San Luis Obispo boys with a last-minute passing flurry which carried them to a 7-6 victory at San Jose several weeks ago.

Army pageantry and color, so interesting to a defense-minded public, will draw thousands to the Moffett-Ord gigantic. Military materiel, bands and stunts never before done on the Pacific Coast will highlight the day.

A bitter rivalry between the two posts will give Northern Californians a chance to see the Army fighting spirit in action.

Lamppost—So the doctor told you to go to a warmer climate? What was the nature of the trouble you consulted him about?

Summerville—I went there to collect a bill.

Johnny—"Dad, you're pretty lucky."

Father—"Why?"

Johnny—"You won't have to buy me any new school books next fall. I'm going to use the same old ones."

The tanker construction programs, the Maritime Commission reported, will produce 208 new tankers of 2,196,300 gross tons by December 31, 1943.

The Russian Orthodox Church of New York, in gratitude for assistance rendered, presented a gold coin to Episcopal Bishop William T. Manning of New York, who is celebrating the 50th year of his ordination to the priesthood.

Did you know that there will be very little odor in boiling cabbage if an onion is cooked with it?

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100 Seeking To Be West Pointers

At least 100 young soldiers from Regular Army and National Guard units in the Ninth Corps Area are aiming at one of the Army's most coveted prizes—an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Approval of applications from that number to take a preliminary examination on December 1, 1941, was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area.

The December examination will eliminate all but 19 of the applicants. Of this number, 11 will be from the Regular Army and eight from National Guard units. The 19 candidates will compete w[illegible] similar groups from the nation's eight other Corps Areas and the military departments in the regular Military Academy entrance examination on March 3, 1941. The number to be selected in the March test has not been announced.

The 100 applications approved to date came from 12 posts in the Corps Area and it is possible a few more not yet reported by post commanders will be filed before the December examination. The deadline for filing applications with post commanders was October 31, 1941.

Of the 100 applicants, 46 have been enrolled in the Ninth Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at Fort Winfield Scott, since August. The 19 applicants successful in the December examination will receive further coaching at the school before the March test.

Candidates for the December examination must have been enlisted prior to July 1, 1941, and be between 19 and 22 years old on July 1, 1942. Health and physical qualifications are those prescribed for entrance to the Military Academy. Candidates must have formal education equivalent to four years in high school and be of good moral character.

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL INFORMATION RELEASED HERE

From selectee to Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States in less than nine months—that advancement is possible, according to information released today from the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Officer Candidate Schools conducted by the various arms and services are the media for this rapid progress. During the month of October some 250 young men from the various posts, camps, and stations in the Ninth Corps Area were accepted for these schools.

An application for selection to attend one of the 90-day officer candidate courses may be made by any enlisted man—Regular Army, National Guard, Selectee, or Regular Army or Enlisted Reservist, or Warrant Officer in active federal service—under the following general requirements:

The applicant must have five months' continuous service in the Army of the United States immediately prior to the opening date of the course for which application is made.

The minimum age is 21 years on the date of opening of the course. The maximum age is 28 years. No applicant will be accepted who will reach his 29th birthday prior to the opening day of the course for which application is made. However, selectees already inducted and enlisted men of the Regular Army and National Guard, enlisted on or after August 27, 1940, are eligile prior to their 37th birthday, provided they meet other requirements.

Applicants appear before examining boards of commissioned officers and their applications are accepted or rejected by these boards. The boards are convened by the commander of the post, camp, or station from which application is made, providing such post, camp, or station has a military population in excess of 100. Applicants from smaller stations are examined at the nearest post at which an examining board convenes. Officer candidates, in order to be accepted as such, must have demonstrated outstanding qualifications of leadership during their period of service in the Army. Educational requirements in general include the equivalent of two years in college. However, applicants with sufficient proven qualifications for the school in which they apply will be accepted, regardless of their formal education.

Educational qualifications are considered secondary to appliant's ability to lead men. The standard of physical fitness, in general, is that required for members of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Enrollment for each school is limited to warrant officers and enlisted men serving in the arm or service establishing the school in question, except in case of the Signal Corps. Applications for this branch will be accepted from any enlisted man or warrant officer, providing he has sufficient educational or practical experience in the communications field.

In addition, provision is made to permit enlisted men, serving in clerical and admisitrative capacities, to submit applications for the school of the branch for which they are qualified.

The courses of instruction to be given at each of the Officer Candidate Schools are designed to prepare the candidate for duty as a second lieutenant in the branch in which he is obtaining his training. Upon completion of the course of instruction, those successful candidates who desire to serve for a period of at least one year are commissioned second lieutenants in the Army of the United States in the branch in which training, and are returned to their units.

Candidates who fail to complete successfully the course of instruction are returned to their units in the grade held at the time they entered the school.

Soldiers To Get Yuletide Furlough

Soldiers of the various posts, camps, and stations in the Ninth Corps Area who are eligible will be given furloughs to allow them to spend part of the Christmas holiday season with their families, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Commanding officers of the posts, camps, and stations have been authorized to grant 10-day furloughs to the men of their commands.

Furloughs will be regulated so that not more than 50 per cent of any one organization will be gone at one time. This provision is made to avoid overtaxing transportation facilities during the holiday season.

For the most part, the furloughs will be granted between the dates of December 20, 1941, and January 4, 1942. However, for those individuals who must travel long distances to reach their homes, additional time will be allowed. In these cases, the soldiers may be absent a total of 16 days, but only 10 days will be charged to the individual's annual furlough period. In such cases, the furloughs may begin as early as December 13, 1941, and will be regulated so that the last of the group has returned to duty by January 11, 1942.

Officers in the posts, camps, and stations and representatives of transportation companies are cooperating in making arrangements for the travel requirements of the soldiers.

By buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps regularly you can help the Defense Program and, at the same time, help yourself and your family.

DENTAL SERVICE OF LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

It is a by-word that an Army travels on its stomach, but it gets no where without teeth. The care of the teeth is vital to health, morale and efficiency. Letterman is justly proud of its splendid service and the corps of outstanding experts in charge. The service is extensive and embraces four major sections—Administration, Oral Surgery, the Operative Section, and Prosthetic Dentistry. The service is well housed in a modern building and the equipment is the latest and the best. The personnel is highly selected and the program is well conducted and supervised. Colonel Arnett P. Matthews is a seasoned veteran of the Dental Service of the United States Army. He is in charge of the Letterman service. It is through his efforts that Letterman maintains this high standard of excellence. He is fortunate to have a top-notcher in each of his sections. The fine achievement reflects the genuine ability and integrity of Colonel Matthews and the fine staff of technical assistants he has in charge of his special functions.

A statement of Colonel Matthews training, experience and service has appeared in a recent issue of the Fog Horn.

ORAL SURGERY

In this section come the most severe of fracture cases from the whole 9th Corps Area. The section is expected also to treat severe cases of infection, osteomyelitis, and other diseases of the oral tissues and maxillary bones. An ingenius system of splints has been devised for patients with facial fractures. This work requires a technician of the most painstaking type. Oral surgery here at Letttrman is outstanding in every way and the section serves as a fine model for the entire dental profession in this specialty.

Lt. Colonel Dell S. Gray is Chief of Section. He is second in rank in the Letterman Dental Corps service. Colonel Gray was born in Iowa, January 10, 1890. He graduated from Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pa., in 1931, and from the Army Dental School in 1931. He received his D.D.S. in Kansas City from the Kansas City Dental College. Colonel Gray was appointed 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, Dental Corps, September 17, 1917. He was promoted to Captain October 4, 1918, to Major, October 4, 1929, and to Lt. Colonel June 12, 1938.

Colonel Gray is assisted by Major Miller, who is also most thorough in his work.

PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY

Prosthetic Dentistry has a long history. There is evidence that it was used by the early Egyptians. There is evidence that they used bridges to replace teeth, that the system used was artificial teeth made of hippopotamus ivory or wood and wired together somewhat ingeniously and fastened in the mouth by the wire. The word "prosthetic" means artificial and as such covers the whole field of tooth replacements, bridges, dentures, etc. Without any question, however, Prosthetic Dentistry is still in its infancy. Great changes have been made in the last 15 years and many changes are on the eve of development at this time. As an illustration of the recency of this development it is only necessary to point out that the casting of inlays used very generally now had its beginning in 1912. At the present time plastics have been developed as against the more rigid materials used previously. Lucite, a duPont material, closely related to Nylon, is now being used instead of rubber. Prior to 1870 in the United States ivory and wood were the two substances used in cases of necessity of replacement. Since 1870 rubber was, for the most part, the principal element in dentures. The new plastic material for dentures, bridges, etc., had its beginning in 1938. Prosthetic Dentistry is almost wholly an American development. The reason why Americans have gone in for Prosthetic Dentistry is due to a number of causes. The American standard of living has been higher. The laws governing the standards of dentistry in the United States are also more exact and dental standards are higher. There is a very interesting chapter in American history which points out that Paul Revere was a dentist, as well as a carrier of important information to the Continental armies around Boston. Whether or not he was a dentist, it is more certain that he was a goldsmith and a silversmith and as such no doubt was one who attempted to make bridge replacements for people who could afford the services of a silversmith or goldsmith.

The X-ray development has been of very great importance in dentistry. The X-ray has enabled the dentist to study the pathology in the bone structure. The position of imbedded teeth can be located absolutely by the X-ray. Also, it is possible to determine in a child whether or not his teeth are properly erupting and also the X-ray has enabled us to locate foreign bodies present in the jaws.

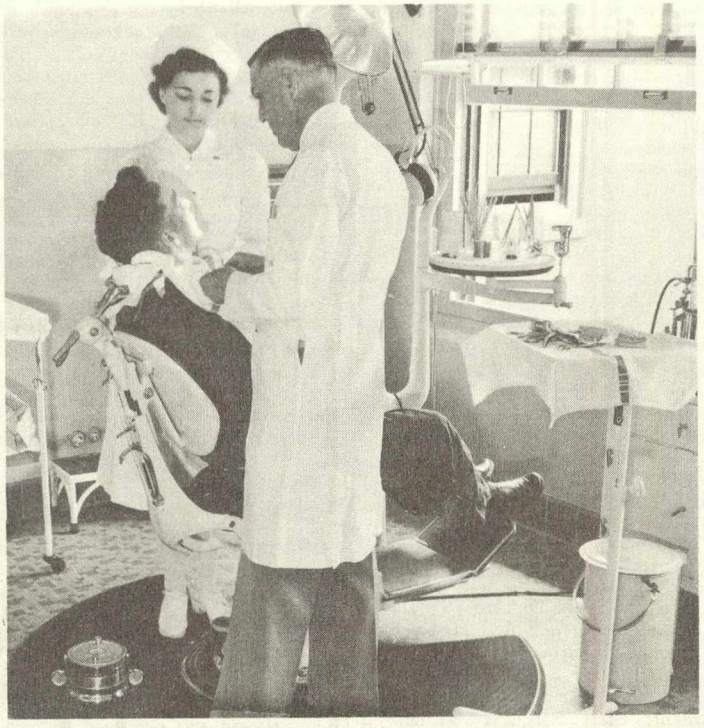
War conditions produce marked interest in facial prosthesis. Incident to battle there are many scars and disfigurements. Parts of the face are frequently destroyed in which case the prosthetic dentist is able to make artificial replacements, using Latex rubber so expertly that the disfigurement of the face, in many cases, is almost unnoticeable.

Major Manning is the Chief of Section of this important service at Letterman. Lt. Lundblad is his first assistant. He has two enlisted men chair assistants and three technical assistants, (one of whom has been here at Letterman 14 years. These

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COLONEL Arnett P. Matthews, Chief of Dental Service and Miss Nina Hansen, Dental Assistant.



LT. COLONEL Dell S. Gray, D. C., Chief of Oral Surgery Section, and Miss Katherine Simpson, Dental Assistant.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Sergeant Frederick L. Essen, assistant instructor of the medical school, left on detached service the early part of this week. Essen has four days delay en route and is taking the patient as far as Murfreesboro, Tennessee, thence, he will visit friends in that same state.

Private First Class Benjamin T. Shedoudy, or better known as "Deacon," clerk at the school headquarters, has had all his dream castles broken when he learned that his deaconess had broken her vow to him and left him. He has felt pretty bad since and according to well informed sources says he will never fall for another woman again!!

Acting 1st Sergeant, John T. Young, and Staff Sergeant William H. Sink, noncommissioned officer in charge of the supply detachment, attended that famous football game and pagent, at Kezar stadium, on Sunday, November 23, 1941—Moffett Field versus Fort Ord! They said they enjoyed the game immensely, full of thrills and excitement, and according to them, the exhibition displayed by the soldiers during all the pagentry was simply wonderful!

The "Lone Wolf" was on the loose again! This time Robert L. Frasher, assistant to the charge of quarters, said he went home to see the folks, but your correspondent knows different. He has overheard a conversation which implicates the "Lone Wolf" with a little gal in Fresno, California. My, Frasher, don't you know any better than talking about your countless love affairs?

Private Allen R. Crampton. assistant instructor of the x-ray school, has been confined to the hospital over a week and has been under observation for appendicitis. Well, it turned out to be nothing serious, so no operation was required. Crampton was released on Monday, November 24, 1941.

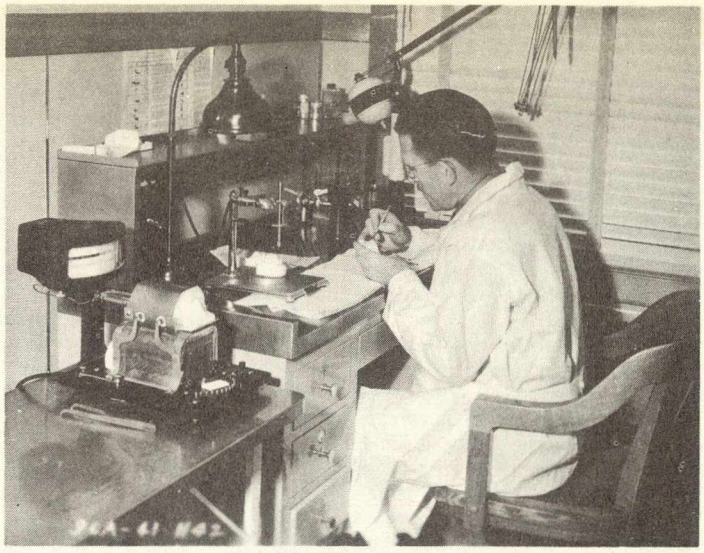
Lt. Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, assistant commandant of the Special Service schools, is back again at his old post. Colonel Ervin went on detached service on November 6, 1941, had ten days delay; the colonel also acquired a ten-day leave of absence. While away he visited friends at Washington, D. C., and surrounding neighborhood, and reported a fine trip.

On Friday, November 21, 1941, at 1:30 p. m., a board of officers interviewed prospective candidates for Officers' Training school, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. The group of young applicants the schools had to offer were Sergeant Le Roy Sixberry, Private First Class John R. Terrell, Private First Class Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., and Private Allen R. Crampton. Crampton was confined to the hospital so he was unable to attend.

Sergeant Paul A. Wright ,assistant charge of quarters, hasn't been feeling very good these last few days. Anyhow, since his fiancee has left for the "good ole south." You can notice that he sure is blue! My, what the lovebug can do to a person!!

Lieutenant Rex P. Clayton, instructor of the pharmacy school, left the early part of this week on detached service to Ripley, Oklahoma. Lt. Clayton has seven days delay en route and expects to spend some time with his friends and relatives in Paris, Montpelier, and Pocatello, Idaho.

Here's some of the duty personnel men who spent Thanksgiving Day at home: Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, assistant instructor of the X-ray school; Staff Sergeant William H. Sink, in charge of the supply detachment; Staff Sergeant William L. Walker, assistant instructor of the dental school; Technical Sergeant Charles R. Reuther, sergeant-major of the schools; Private First Class Delmar E. Carlson and Jennings Lyon, assistant instructors in the surgical school; Private First Class Robert L. Frasher, assistant to the charge of quarters; and Private Allen Greendale, of the laboratory school. Al reported having a very nice Thanksgiving.



MAJOR Eugene E. Manning, D. C., Chief of Prosthetic Section.

STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND

The strength of the command as of November 24th, 1941 was as follows:

Officers	129
Nurses	145
Enlisted Men	715
Patients	1255
Total	2244

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EDITORIAL

'FOG HORN'

In the early part of the current year when the plan of publishing a newspaper for the benefit of the personnel of this Command was first brought up for consideration, the question of a name received some thought. The usual names of "Post," "News," or "Gazette" were submitted and rejected. One day in conference with the Commanding General, while outside we had one of those fogs which are so unusual in San Francisco, the fog horns in the Golden Gate were grinding out their doleful wail, the name of "Fog Horn" suggested itself for our paper and it was approved by the Commanding General.

Shortly after our first number appeared in print we received a letter from the Commanding Officer of a nearby post congratulating us on our paper and mentioning in a casual sort of way that his Command also published a mimeograph sheet called the "Fog Horn." He implied, rather than stated, that one "Fog Horn" in this vicinity might be adequate. In reply we merely expressed the opinion that where the weather is as thick as it is hereabouts two "Fog Horns" might be better than one and we might have given the example of the Golden Gate where there are three fog horns.

We subsequently learned that still another publication bearing the title of "Fog Horn" is produced in San Francisco. It is the work of the students of the University of San Francisco and has been published for at least 15 years under the title of the Fog Horn, so we willingly yield to that little paper priority in the use of our title.

And more recently we were delighted to receive as an exchange, a copy of the Sandy Hook "Fog Horn" published by the troops at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. It is a very lively and newsy tabloid and it has given us pleasure to peruse the successive issues.

With at least four "Fog Horns" being published for the edification—we hope—of four communities, the combined efforts of these papers should dispel the danger attendant on thick or gloomy weather.

Not long ago in conversation with one of our younger nurses concerning our little paper she said something to the effect that the "Fog Cutter" was very much enjoyed and we looked at her and thought that maybe she was being facetious in reference to our favorite publication and a sentence or two later she again used the expression "Fog Cutter" so we asked, "What is this Fog Cutter you mention?" and she hesitated, blushed lightly and said, "Oh, I'm sorry, I am confusing our little paper with a concoction known as the Fog Cutter. You know, it is a specialty syrup at Trader Vic's."

For the benefit of our friends in the Hinterland, Trader Vic's is a bright spot at the other end of the Bay Bridge.

What's in a name? Well, we think that young lady had something.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

November 30, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To the increasing ranks of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve we again have the occasion for extending a welcome to three young ladies who have recently joined the station.

Miss Ann Karbin was born in Chicago, Illinois, took her professional training at Columbus Hospital in Chicago. She is a graduate of the Thomas Kelly High School in Chicago and with later affiliations at Loyola University. Prior to her appointment here she was night supervisor at Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Miss Lucile Newell was born at Shirland, Illinois, and after graduating from high school at Rockford she took her professional training at the Rockford Hospital. This was followed by post graduate work in public health nursing at the George Peabody Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to coming to the military service she was with the Visiting Nurse Association in Rockford, Illinois, and also did public health nursing with the Home Service Department of Kern General Hospital, Bakersfield, California.

Miss Ann Mc Carthy is a native daughter who was born at Oakland, California, where she attended high school. She received her professional training at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco where she was graduated in 1939.

During the past week six nurses arrived here for temporary duty, coming from Walter Reed Hospital and enroute to the Hawaiian Department. They are Misses Virginia Hughes, Clara Kiely, Gertrude Seibert, Anna Shamansky, Clara E. Jowett, and Julia E. Martin.

The above group has, for the time being, joined the "station wagon set" as they are transported from their temporary quarters at Fort Mason to the hospital each day in one of our 1942 model station wagons.

Recent visitors at the nurses quarters include Miss Clara Washington, Chief Nurse at Fort Ord, California, Miss Margaret Moss, Chief Nurse from Mather Field, California, and Miss Ann Holden, Chief Nurse from Fort Baker. The latter two were the guests of Miss Weeder.

Miss Doyle and Miss Chase are reported taking up golf—and seriously.

Miss Parham, Miss Creasy, and Miss Tietgens are now resting in the hospital and recovering from the ailments which relieved them from duty.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Corporal **Richard E. Phillips** covering the corridor in high gear. Like the ancient Model T he has only two gears and is rarely seen in low.

A post card from Colonel **Brooks C. Grant,** sometime Mess Officer hereabouts, with a photo of the office building in San Antonio where he is now in the big time.

Miss **Ann Bakalar** returning to duty after her long period of inactivity and limping only a little. Which reminds us that "a horse is a vain thing for safety."

Sergeant **John Davidson** demonstrating his personal vibrator over the head of a patient but all in fun.

Lieut. **Maurice Brice,** lending a helping hand at the counter of the Commissary to relieve the congestion one cool morning.

Miss **Jane Sanctuary** elated over the first victory of Lowell Hi over its long time rivals of Poly Hi in the past seven years.

Corporal **"Sunny Jim" Cahill** showing what can be done with a wheel chair after a little practice and Jim has had plenty during his long sojourn in our midst.

Sergeant **Wilburn J. Germany** flashing another check he won as a prize in a radio contest. The advertisers will soon start a campaign with the slogan "Stop Germany."

I Know Something Good About You!

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say:
I know something good about you,
And then treat us just that way!
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each hand-clasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance
I know something good about you!
Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us,
That folks bothered to recall!
Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see!
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking too;
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you!

—Mutual Mutterings

Young Artist Has Carved His Niche

Ambrose J. Gruenke, a patient here on Ward C, has literally carved out a place for himself in artistic appreciation. This young man was born on a farm near Dent, Minnesota, in 1907. From early childhood he was interested in drawing and in the making of toys. He has an educated hand. When seven years of age he began making toys for neighbor children. One of his first exploits was the building of a decorative bungalow on the chassis of a car. When this was done young Gruenke travelled all about Minnesota and nearby states for his own and the pleasure of others. Following this home development Gruenke followed the harvest game. He was a good worker and his travel served to give him ideas and widened his education.

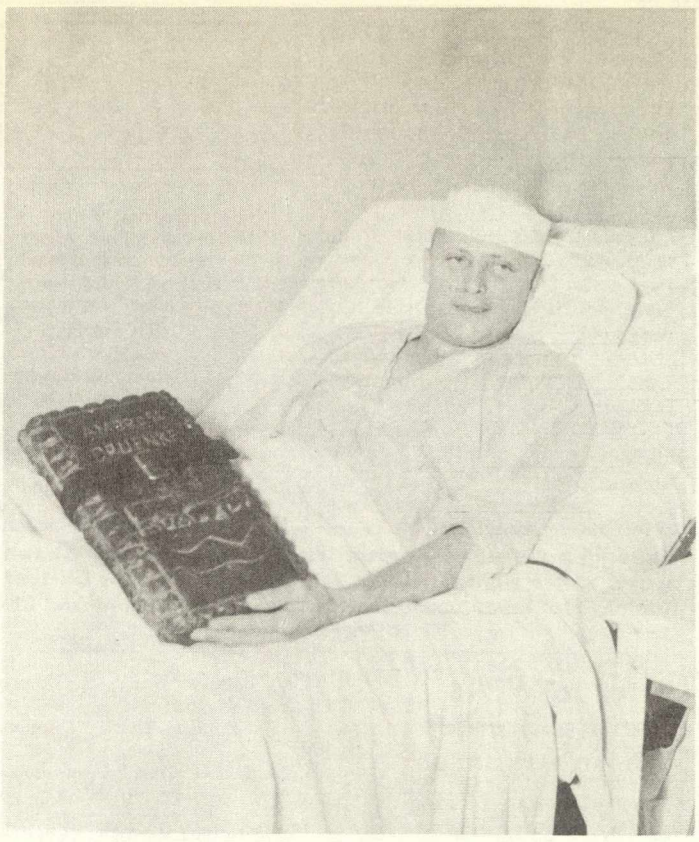
About eight years ago he went to Grand Coulee Dam and operated a small shoe shop. In his spare time he did clay modeling or carving, using the special type clay to be found at Grand Coulee.

He found that tourists were interested in his carvings and he sold some of them. When President Roosevelt was to visit Grand Coulee the residents were desirous of presenting him with a piece of Gruenke's work. Gruenke was "placed on the spot." He had to get busy and devote all his time to the Roosevelt carving which was to be a likeness of the President himself. It was a great success. He made a carving of the dam and bridge for the First Lady also which pleased her so much that she promised to have it placed in her private rooms. Business was rushing by now and young Gruenke expanded his art to include carvings as well as clay. He took no lessons but he observed closely the work of others. His tools were, for the most part, but a hatchet and chisel. Gruenke thinks that his best piece is "The End of the Trail." This work was largely publicized. His biggest piece was a totem pole. The largest totem pole in the world—120 feet high. It is now a show piece in Crescent City Park. His smallest piece is a chain carved out of a match—there are 23 links in the chain—a remarkable piece of delicate carving.

His most popular type of carving was the covered wagon. These were done in about two days time. The largest wagon was about 20 feet long. Redwood was the material used. He seems to have gotten the most fun out of the huge gorilla carving. This was carved and then Redwood bark was glued on to represent hair. The piece was so good that all the dogs of the village noticed it and barked as they came near it.

He is a draftee in the army. He has enjoyed the army experience. His hope is to go back to carving when he is able to report for duty.

He is an unusual man—he is a man with a gift. His art is simplicity itself. His carvings are so simple that they are real. This is the best of great art wherever it is found. Gruenke is a man worth knowing.



AMRBOSE J. GRUENKE, an exceptional wood-carver, is shown with some of his handiwork.

General Bradley Stays with The Fourth Army

Press dispatches from Washington bring us the news of the appointment of Brigadier General James L. Bradley as Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army with Headquarters at the Presidio.

General Bradley has been Assistant Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army. A member of the general staff for the past year, he succeeds Brigadier General Arthur W. Lane, recently named commanding officer at Camp Roberts.

A native of Missouri, General Bradley graduated from West Point in 1914. He is a graduate of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and the Army War College.

CHRISTMAS MAIL WARNING ISSUED

The following message from the Secretary of War to the United States Army is published for the information of all concerned:

"The vast expansion of the Army in the past year and one-half and frequent changes of station have made it extremely difficult for the addresses of organizations and individuals to be kept up-to-date in official publications. In order to prevent the handling, through official channels, of an additional burden of mail requiring forwarding addresses, all concerned are requested to curtail the exchange of Christmas cards between MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS and individuals in the service.

"However, the exchange of greetings by military personnel with their friends and families at home should be encouraged."

MEDICAL DETACH

We wish to extend a welcome to Private John Y. James, who has been transferred here for duty from the 30th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, and also Privates Huel R. Helms, David C. Tanner and Charles D. Spearman who were transferred from Fort McDowell.

The Thanksgiving dinner for the enlisted members of the Detachment has been so thoroughly discussed as to the par excellence of service and bill of fare that those who were responsible for this meal should know how much it was enjoyed. It would not be a gross exaggeration to say that the members who were fortunate to have had home cooked dinners could not have had a nicer or better dinner than we had here at the post. It was excellent.

Sergeant James E. Bohler of the E. E. N. and T. department and Miss Wilma Evans who has been employed in the Hospital kitchens for the last three years were married by the Justice of the Peace in Reno, Nevada, November 23. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Many members of the Detachment have asked about the special prices for enlisted men for the football game being played today between the University of California and Stanford University, so we would like to say that the price is fifty cents for men in uniform; tickets will be purchased only at the Stadium today and will be for sections K and KK.

And speaking of sports—how about keeping the L. G. H. basketball team in mind for January 6 when they play their first tournament game in the San Francisco Recreational Department League. With their new white satin, maroon trimmed uniforms they should play an unbeatable brand of ball—that is if the new uniforms will be any incentive to play better ball than they have been playing without them, because right now they are **HOT.**

There are three good pictures to be seen at the Recreation Center this coming week. So instead of going all the way down town to see a show, why don't you go over to the Recreation Center Sunday at 9.00 p. m. and see, "Affectionately Yours," with Rita Hayworth, Merele Oberon and Dennis Morgan, or Wednesday, the 3rd at the same time to see "The Bride Came C. O. D." with James Cagney and Bette Davis or go Friday and see the picture, "The Road To Singapore" with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

HERE'S MEAT ON THE TABLE . . . GUARANTEED WINS

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier speaking:

Your peerless picker returned to his best form and gave an example of the "bliitz" in action. The figures showed ten winners, one tie and one to be heard from as we go to press (Texas and Texas A. & M.). The followers of this column have returned to steak and potatoes instead of the graham crackers and milk they have been accustomed to in the last few weeks when winners were far and few between. This will be the final column of the sad but not forgotten season so we will endeavor to wind up in a blaze of glory. The special this week is the Big Game. So here we go for the last time:

Stanford 19, California 6.
Navy 7, Army 0.
Fordham 35, N.Y.U. 0.
Oregon 14, Oregon State 7.
Washington 19, U.S.C. 0.
Boston College 14, Holy Cross 0.
Oklahoma 19, Nebraska 6.
Oklahoma 19, Nebraska 6.
Pitt 14, Carnegie 0.
Rice 7, Baylor 6.
So. Methodist 7, T.C.U. 0.

NEW SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

The appointment of Mrs. Frieda Sherman to the Medical Social Service staff of this hospital his increased the number of workers to four in that activity.

Mrs. Sherman was born in Camden, New Jersey, but when very young moved with her parents to California. She was graduated from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles and attended the University of California in Berkeley, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing education. This course comprised three years of training at the university hospital and two years in the university proper.

Following graduation she did one year of post graduate work in social service at the University of California and a year in the Medical Social Service staff at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1937 Mrs. Sherman was married to Dr. Allen Sherman, a contemporary of hers at the university. Doctor Sherman is now practicing in San Francisco and is specializing in ear, nose and throat work.

The addition of Mrs. Sherman to the Medical Social Service staff will mean better service to the patients and she is a welcome addition to our midst.



HERE IS a view of the operative section in action. Shown above, left to right, are: Pfc. John R. Steele, Major Clifford Rudine, Pfc. Frederick E. Matthias, Pfc. John Evans, and Lt. H. A. McPhearson.

Letter to Willie From His Brother Sam, in Arkansas

Mr. Willie Smith,
Burr City, Ark.
Dere Willie:—

I caint hardly wright I am so soar and bruised up. Nuthing serious. I just had a little accident. I'll tell you about it.

Yesterday I started to wright you a letter and the nurse seen me and said she would bring me a regular wrighting table that fit over my bed so I wouldn't have to lean over the side. She brung in a narrow table about five feet long made out of iron. It had legs that stretched so you can raise it up high as you want it. Wal, she stretched it up and fixed it across my bed so all I had to do wuz sit up and wright. Then she turned a crank on the foot of the bed and it raized the head of my bed so I wuz sitting up just like in a sofy chair. She went out of the room and I started to wright.

Wal, whut she didn't tell me about that table wuz what caused the axident. When I started to write the top of the table slipped so I raised it up to see what wuz wrong—the top is put on on hinges and while I had my head under it sumbody slammed a door and I jumped and let the table top fall down on my head. It just fell down to where there is a latch on it to hold it adjusted and the latch snapped my hair got caught in the latch and I had to pull hard to pull my hair loose. I didn't want to call the nurse becuz she would think I wuz a hill-billy whut wuz ignorant about folding tables.

When I pulled my hair loose lots of it pulled out and the table started to fall over and I grabbed for it and fell out of bed. When I fell my arm got tangled up in the table and my leg got caught in the contraption whut raizes the bed and that wuz how I wuz when the nurse cum running in. She called sum plumbers whut wuz working in the bath room and they got me loose. Then the nurse moved the table out of my room and cum back and bandaged me up. She said them tables wuz too dangerous to have around a corntorshinist and that I ought to join a circus—but she wuz laughing so I don't think she wuz very mad.

I am wrighting this on my regular table leaning off the side of my bed.

Your brother,
SAM

P. S. Tell Maw the doctor said I couldn't eat no fried chitterlins yet so not to send me eny. I'll get her to send sum next time yall kill sum more hogs.

SAM

First Soldier: What's the idea of all this "V" stuff

Second Soldier: That's "V' for victory.

First Soldier: Darn! I was hoping that was "V' for victuals!

"So Dora took the rich old man for better or worse?"

"No, she took him for worse, but he got better."

"You didn't roll your own cigarettes before. Why do you do so now?"

"Because the doctor told me I needed a little exercise.

Four Points Mark Edge in Cage Tilt Lost by Locals

Letterman's maple court squad suffered the first defeat of the season on Monday evening last when they were outrun to the tune of 34-30 by the team representing Fort Winfield Scott.

Our team took an early lead and held it through most of the game until late in the second half when the big gun men from the Harbor Defenses got the range on the basket and the last whistle found them the winners. They still pay off on the final score.

Scott scored seven out of a possible nine points from the foul line while Letterman caged only two out of seven and better shooting by our side could have brought us home in front.

Pascal and Edwards each made eight points for Letterman and the team played without the services of Bib Dodseth, regular center, who was nursing a bashed finger. Masterson and Goldstein have now returned from detached service and should add both defensive and offensive strength of the team for future games.

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DENTAL SERVICE

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technical assistants are in each case master mechanics.)

Major Manning was born in Colorado, October 6, 1899. He graduated from Creighton University College of Dentistry, Omaha, Nebraska, where he received his D.D.S. in 1924. He is a graduate of Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pa., 1932, and from the Army Dental School in 1932. He was appointed 1st Lieutenant Dental Corps United States Army, June, 1929. He was made Captain, June 2, 1932, and Major in the current year.

OPERATIVE SECTION

The Operative Section of dentistry has to do with the restoring of teeth that have been diseased or lost through decay. This department, for the most part, does not handle fractures, but the entire department is so trained that it is able to do anything and fit into any part of the dental service where emergencies may dictate. Porcelains and silver are the only materials used. Very little gold is used at this time of the national emergency. The person receiving the service has no choice even in case he wished to pay for a gold filling. The reason why gold is not used under the conditions of the emergency is not from a standpoint of the cost of the materials but from the cost of time. A silver filling takes for the most part about one-half hour whereas a gold filling for the same cavity would require at least two hours. The ratio of silver to gold therefore is one to four.

Dental health has improved since 1917. This has been occasioned somewhat through the educational programs that have been provided for the population as a whole. In 1917 it was frequently necessary to order men to have their teeth taken care of whereas today people come to the office and make application and urge their case for dental treatments. The men in the army today receive better dental care than 90% of the population on the outside. This increase in the quality of the service in the army is due to the fact that army personnel is more highly selected than the civilian dental personnel, the army equipment is as good if not better, the system used is also standardized, and the materials employed are of the best. Diet is probably the newest factor to offset dental decay and gum deterioration. The general condition of the mouth is sufficient evidence for the well trained dentist to know whether or not the diet is properly balanced. There are cases of over-acidity and there are cases of over-alkalinity. A balanced diet is a balance of these two factors. The army mess is very careful to see that soldiers are provided with a balanced diet.

Chief of the Operative Section is Major Clifford Rudine. The Major has two assistants, Lt. McPherson and Dr. Duthie. In addition he has two dental assistants, Miss Beebee and Private Matthias, also two oral hygienists, Miss Bauer and Miss Brawman. Major Rudine, in addition to being Chief of Operative Dentistry, acts as dental receiving officer for the distribution of the dental patients to the various sections.

Major Clifford Rudine was born in California in the City of Los Angeles, October 26, 1893. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1916, and the University of California School of Dentistry in 1930. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the World War and served at Camp Travis, Texas. He was promoted to Captain, 1925, and Major in 1941.



HANK McCUNE OFFERS EASY MONEY TO MEN

Plans are already under way so that U. S. soldiers and sailors, no matter where they might, be will get a complete radio description of the traditional Army-Navy football game, to be held at the Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia, on Saturday, November 29. The Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company, its powerful inter-national short wave stations and radio relay facilities will combine to carry reports on the progress of the game to all U. S. men in uniform at military outposts everywhere.

Bill Stern will report the game beginning at 10:30 a. m., PST. The international shortwave network stations as well as the NBC-Red Network, will carry the description of the game from that time until the final play.

Private Theodore Golaski, at the U. S. Marine Base in San Diego, is $15 richer today because his letter was picked as best in the weekly contest for service men conducted on NBC's "Don't Be Personal" program. Art Baker and Sam Pierce will select another bonus winner during the broadcast Friday, November 21, 8:30 p. m., PST.

Skill in rhyming won five bucks each for Private Peter Herlean, Camp Callan, Private J. H. Thomas, Fort Lewis, Private Tom Hindu, Fort Worden, and Private Victor Generoli, Camp Callan, Four words, two lines is the limit, and a new set of checks is ready for prize-winners

Q. M. NEWS

Lt. Colonel Busch, Quartermaster at this hospital, has departed on a leave of absence for ten days. During the absence of Colonel Busch, Captain Lewis S. Parody will assume the duties of Quartermaster.

Staff Sgt. Keerkor Bedayan, better known as "Kay," and Private Wojciechowski, better known as "Murphy" have left this station on a trip East. They anticipate driving a car from the East Coast to California. I wonder if they are prepared for some real cold weather?

Bob Dotseth has been admitted to the hospital for a hand injury that occurred while working at the Print Plant. Sorry to hear this Bob, and all the boys are hoping that you will soon be out.

We wonder just how many of the Quartermaster Personnel had the opportunity to listen in on the broadcast of the new Quartermaster song, broadcasted by NBC last Saturday morning? Yours truly didn't have the chance to listen, so would like to find out something about it, from those who did listen.

Winners of Safe Driving Awards Announced Here

The photograph in the accompanying column is an illustration of the safe drivers award conferred on the men who drive our official vehicles for a period of six months without even a minor accident.

This award is very much desired by the drivers and extraordinary care is used to prevent any accident which might deprive them of the honor of displaying the plaque in the cars assigned to them. The military personnel at Letterman General Hospital who are entitled to display this plaque includes:

Staff Sergeant Dave L. Gimble, Santa Rosa, California.

Sergeant John V. Mills, Birmingham, Alabama.

Corporal Jack R. Cattani, Mount Shasta City, California.

Private Nels K. Berg, Sentinel Butte, North Dakota.

Private Francis E. McDonald, Mount Shasta City, California.

Private Richard N. Fukano, Oakland, California.

Private Fred C. Sutton, Oakland, California.

Private August Demarco, Oakland, California.

Private George J. Devine, Oakland, California.

Private Robert A. Capdevielle, Oakland, California.

Rrivate Rhea C. Stone, Reno, Nevada.



To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Jack D. Travs, 46th Air Base, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a daughter, Jo Anne, weight 5 lbs. 2¼ ounces, born November 18, 1941.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Roland R. Haile, Hq. & Hq., 10th Pursuit Wing, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, a son, Robert Wayne, weight 8 lbs. 6 ounces, born November 22, 1941.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Hubert Adolph Hemphill, DEML, CASC Unit No. 1903, San Francisco, a son, Howard Arnold, weight 8 lbs. 10½ ounces, born November 23, 1941.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Marvin A. Holland, Air Corps, March Field, California, a son, Jack Andrew, weight 7 lbs. two ounces, born November 25, 1941.



COLONEL Arnett P. Matthews and the personnel of the Dental Service, Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco.

OVER THE FENCE

Sergeant Dickerman is soon due for discarge, and has expressed his intention to re-enlist in the Company. "A' Company will be glad when he rejoins the outfit after his furlough.

524TH TO GAIN FIVE AND LOSE FIFTEEN MEN

Fifteen men from the 524th Military Police Battalion are being transferred from the Presidio to Camp Seiber, at Boulder City, Nevada. The men who are leaving will be replaced by five new men from Camp Seiber.

THANKSGIVING AT 58TH Q. M. CORPS

Company "C", 58th Q.M.C. had a family banquet and party on Thursday evening, November 20. Major and Mrs. Tillotson, Captain and Mrs. Fawcett and their daughter, Captain and Mrs. Voeller and family, Lieut. Stewart and his fiancee, and other officers of the transport service dined with the enlisted men and their wives and families. Of course there was turkey and all the trimmings to complement it.

After dinner there was dancing in the dayroom, to the music of a "Juke-box," and everyone went home feeling thankful, happy and very very full.

Letterman Nine In Winter Loop

The Letterman Hospital Baseball Club entered the Class "B" Winter League on October 5, 1941, and since that time they have played six games, winning all but one which ended in a two to two tie with the San Francisco Chronicle. There remains one game to play; and at present we are leading the league.

Sunday, November 23 the L.G.H. Baseball Club met their erst-while rival, the Salesian Boy's Club, Juniors; which, at that time were tied with the Club with five victories and no defeats, but when the game was over our boys were out in front by a score of seven to six. Private Nishi was on the mound for L. G. H. until the last of the ninth inning, and was relieved by Zouwick, who struck out the last two men to retire the side and win.

There is to be a play-off between the National and the American Class "B" League following the game on Sunday, November 30, which we have high hopes of winning.

Our boys have worked hard and have been unable to practice any during the season. We take pleasure in thanking them, one and all for their performances, and wish them well in the future.

Sgt. Ward & Muhic.

Pat on the Back Leads to a Tag On the Automobile

Mr. Rod Hendrickson, better known to the radio listeners of the Pacific coast as "Colonel Rod," paid a visit to Letterman Hospital one day this week for a look-see at our radio set up and to learn how and when he could help in anything pertaining to his field of endeavor.

Colonel Rod had a pleasant chat with the Public Relations Officer during which he expressed his admiration for the high standard of efficiency maintained through out the hospital. On previous occasions he had the opportunity to see how the institution functions and he still thinks well of what we have here.

During the conversation the colonel did not get around to any specific mention of our Military Police but on getting back to his car he found a reminder of the efficiency of that detachment—an M. P. had tagged his car for illegal parking.

Captain Donald E. Casad, instructor of the medical school and assistant detachment commander, reported for duty the latter part of last week after being on a leave of absence for ten days. According to the captain, he says he is feeling great now and is all set to get back to his old job.

Ninth Corps Area Leads Nation in Air Volunteers

The Ninth Corps Area led the nation in the procurement of flying cadets for the expanded training program of the Air Corps during October, according to information received at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area at the Presidio of San Francisco.

There were 328 enlisted in the Ninth Corps Area out of a total of 1795. The Eighth Corps Area was second high, with a total of 280.

To be eligible for enlistment, an aviation cadet must have been an American citizen for 10 years preceding his enlistment, he must be between the ages of 20 and 26 years, unmarried, in excellent physical condition; he must have college credits equivalent to two years work or pass an equivalent written examination, and must agree to serve three years on active duty as a reserve officer after completing his flying training.

The training course covers a period of nine months, during which the cadets are paid $75 per month, plus a $1 per day subsistence allowance. Quarters, uniforms, medical care and hospitalization are furnished by the Government.

A $10,000 life insurance policy is provided for each cadet during the training period and the cadet has the option of retaining the policy at his own expense after receiving his second lieutenant's commission. A uniform allowance of $150 is paid each cadet when he is commissioned. The monthly pay and allowance of an Air Corps second lieutenant is approximately $245. In addition, he receives a yearly bonus of $500, payable upon termination of his tour of active duty.

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Surgeon, United States Army Medical Director, Army of the Potomac

DR. JONATHAN LETTERMAN HAD BRILLIANT ARMY CAREER

Great men are men who meet the needs arising out of great crises. Dr. Jonathan Letterman was such a man. This country was engaged in a great Civil War. The plight of the man unfortunate enough to be wounded beggars description. There was no Ambulance Corps. The Medical and Surgical Service was composed for the most part of civilian doctors and nurses who could be hired in the community in which the battle was fought. To be severely wounded was worse than death for is usually meant suffering plus death in the end.

Dr. Letterman knew army life. He had been a soldier in frontier Indian campaigns. He had served in the Seminole Indian campaign in Florida. He had served in campaigns against the Navajo, the Apache, and the Utes. In June 1862 he was assigned as Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac succeeding Surgeon Charles Tripler who had been promoted to Medical Inspector General of the U. S. Army. Dr. Letterman's task was the rehabilitation of the diseased and exhausted army of the Potomac stationed at that time at Harrison's Landing on the James River. There were few medical supplies. Dr. Letterman was a man of great energy and he had initiative. Initiative was vital. The army was the victim of tradition and custom in this case was based on army practices engendered when small numbers made up the armies.

There was little information that could be had from a study of foreign armies. The French Army was the best in organization and yet this system was very weak. In case a French soldier was wounded some other soldier in the combat unit was released to accompany the wounded man to the rear. Not infrequently this led to grave abuses. Even slightly wounded men were taken to the rear by several soldiers often sorely needed in the heat of battle. The French system was perilous. The first act of Dr. Letterman was the organization of an Ambulance Corps. General McClellan approved the plan. The Corps was divided into three divisions, corresponding to the division of troops in an army corps. Strict regulations were issued so that the equipment was protected against illegal use by both officers and men. Transportation must be confined to hospital materials and patients only.

Dr. Letterman carefully selected the personnel picking men especially fitted but men who had some service with the division to which the Ambulance Corps was attached. The ambulance men were, therefore, acquainted with the men in the ranks. They were men who had seen service and knew the meaning of battle. Furthermore the plan provided that each division have medical corps personnel and equipment which must be kept at full strength. In case a division were decimated new men were called in and the depleted number replaced. Had the Ambulance Corps been changed in the meantime it is plain that organization would be in constant inefficiency.

One of the new features of the Letterman plan called for the establishment of field hospitals. This was a new development. Almost immediately it was apreciated due to its efficiency. In the Battle of Chancellorsville the charge was made at 1:00 p. m. and in less than two hours the whole number of wounded were in hospitals under care of doctors and nurses. There was such splendid coordination of the corps with the fighting units that six hours was the limit the soldier had to wait before operations were available. The Letterman plan was characterized at once as a "common sense" plan. This great feat was not produced without a great and vital labor by Dr. Letterman. He not only planned his work but he had the gift of getting the best of loyalty and devotion from his assistants. He was especially concerned to praise the efforts of the volunteer staff and the regimental surgeons. This praise yielded splendid results.

On the completion of his plan and its organization Dr. Letterman resigned from the military service. He finally took up residence here in San Francisco where for a number of years he was identified with the organization of both private and public health activities. He was a member of the Board of Medical Examiners of the University of California. He died in 1872. The Army of the United States has reason to be proud of this distinguished soldier. The Medical Corps owes its present organization and efficiency to the fine pattern set for it by Dr. Letterman. Letterman General Hospital is honored to have his name which enshrines here for all of us a monumental service for America and for humanity.



No new arrivals reported in during the past week to head this column, so the city desk sent a reporter out in search of news. The reporter came back to report to the city desk that all he could learn was about Miss Pearl Nichols being sick in quarters and the desk says to him, "Go out and find out what's the matter with her," and the reporter says to the desk,"But she's in quarters and that's 'no man's land,' " and the desk says to the reporter, "Go as far as you can and then ask someone."

So the reporter met one of the nurses and said to her, "What's the matter with Miss Nichols?" and the nurse said, "Miss Nichols has a swollen jaw," and the reporter inquires, "Did she lead with her chin?" and the nurse said "What do you mean, lead with her chin?" and the reporter says "Well, skip it, what's the matter with her jaw?" and the nurse said, "Well, she looks like she has the mumps but she's not in quarantine so I guess she doesn't have the mumps."

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THE GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN A GOOD LITTLE PAPER,

One of the very attractive post papers which is kind enough to exchange with the "Fog Horn" is the "Golden Gate Guardian" published by the Public Relations Office at the Headquarters of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, Fort Winfield Scott.

It is an exceptionally fine example of what a mimeographed paper can and should be. The stencils are clearly cut, and the bright type is evidence of ink on the roller of the mimeograph machine and the cartoons indicate that the stylus used in tracing is kept in a good state of efficiency. The articles are well written and are of interest not only to the men of that particular command but to those of us who are in the neighborhood.

The following is taken from a recent edition of the little paper:

"Pete Lucia, shady San Francisco character, was rolling up about three hundred feet of field wire. Suddenly he was jerked to his feet and stood staring into the face of a police officer of Daly City, California.

"All right, Pete, what is it this time?"

"Nothin', just pickin' up a couple pieces wire for a friend o' mine."

"Can you read that sign?"

"Sure. Battery N-6th Coast Artillery, U. S. Government Property."

Pete Lucia was handed over to the FBI where he faced the possibility of rapid conviction and a ten year prison term for molesting government property. Because he had a family to support, Pete was bound over to local authorities for punishment.

In the Daly City Court House, Judge H. F. Hardy looked down at troubled Pete Lucia.

"This time you are not on trial for some petty theft charge. True, three hundred feet of telephone wire costs very little, but the damage caused by severing this wire could be very dsiastrous to everyone living in San Francisco and the immediate area. This wire you attempted to steal was connected with communication lines in conjunction with searchlight units of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, one of the most important defense sections on the west coast. If a sudden wave of bombing planes should come swerving over the city, these lights would have to be there so that the anti-aircraft units could effectively engage the enemy.

"It is bad enough to steal or attempt to steal government property especially when you know it is government property, but to hamper in any way the intense work being done by the men engaged in defense work is a major felony. It is the duty of all citizens to protect this property, because in so doing they are protecting themselves.

"You are hereby sentenced to six months in the county jail and imposed with a $500 fine. Sentence and fine suspended because of support, but you are on two years probation. One misdemeanor and you will have to serve a stiff sentence. All crimes of this nature will be dealt with severely."

Under the direction of their Battery Commander, Capt. H. R. Hale, Sergeant Gustave Schmidt, Communicatioin Sergeant, and his crew of three, all from battery "N," Sixth Coast Artillery, Fort Scott, have laid over 35 miles of wire for this Searchlight Battery, stretching from every hill and high point in San Francisco and vicinity. It is hard work climbing up and down these San Francisco hills, holling, setting, splicing and spanning wire from telephone poles, through ditches, around mountainous crags and placing up U. S. Government markers along the way. Whenever a break occurs in the line, it takes all four men from one to three hours to locate and

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A MAN OF MANY FACETS

If we assume a hypothetical situation in which the Commanding General would call into conference the Commanding Officer of the C.C.C. Casual Detachment, the Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients, the Custodian of Patients' Funds and Valuables, the Assistant Hospital Inspector, the Officer in Charge of the Patients' Baggage Room, the Summary Court Officer, and the Recorder for the Line of Duty Board, the response could be made by the voice of one man, "Captain Beswick reporting, sir."

Captain William L. Beswick, Medical Administrative Corps, is the officer who holds all the titles enumerated above and from time to time the question arises as to what possible use he could make of his spare time, if he had any.

Probably the most important office assignment is that of Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, in which capacity he has become sort of "Father Confessor" to the sick who are under his administrative jurisdiction. All day long there are patients waiting to see him about their troubles. It may be a pass is desired, it may be the man wishes to withdraw one dollar from the Patients' Fund, or it may be that he merely wishes to know what makes the C.D.D. Board work, and how.

Human nature does not change very much from generation to generation and the very normal desire of putting something over on the "Old Man" is still in evidence from time to time. The advantage which Captain Beswick has to cope with this contingency is that he knows all the answers before the questions are put.

For twenty-seven years prior to the time when he pinned the silver bars to his shoulder loop, Captain Beswick was an enlisted man in the Medical Department. He came up the hard way from the grade of Private to Master Sergeant, and his entire career has been served in the Medical Department and, what is very unusual, he has served at but three posts. He was thirteen years at West Point, New York, ten years in the Hawaiian Department, and the past five years at Letterman Hospital. With this background it is obvious that anyone wishing to put anything over on the Captain would have to develop an entirely new approach and "there is nothing new under the sun," as the saying goes.

Captain Beswick is a man of medium height, curly hair tinted with grey, and a youthful appearance in general. He possesses a very jovial disposition and in his contacts with the patients and the entire personnel of this institution he demonstrates a degree of tact and an extend of understanding which makes him an asset to our command.



Captain William L. Beswick, MAC, Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients.

A CALL FROM COL. OSTRANDER

Colonel Forrest E. Ostrander, Medical Corps, Commanding Officer of Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, was a visitor to Letterman over the past week-end.

Colonel Ostrander was formerly Assistant Chief of the Medical Service here and now that he has a hospital of his own he came back to find out how closely he is maintaining the standards of his organization on the pattern we maintain here.

Colonel Ostrander used to be a great outdoor man who could hear the call of the wild when it was only a whisper. But we fear very much that his present assignment is seriously interfering with his hunting, and like a good soldier, he has given up hunting for the time being.

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EDITORIAL

Last week it was announced as a general policy of the War Department that Christmas furloughs might be granted to men up to 50 per cent of the strength of the command where their services could be spared.

An announcement of this kind brings to the forefront the difference between the line soldier and the enlisted man of the Medical Department. In the line, as the holidays approach, the trucks and tractors may be put under a shed and the big guns covered with a 'paulin to be none the worse for a period of inactivity while the men enjoy their leisure.

But for the enlisted men of the Medical Department, as the holidays approach, there is no possibility of putting the patients under cover and parking them somewhere until such time as the celebrations are over. The care of the sick is a 24-hour job, seven days in the week, 52 weeks of the year. It is a duty of paramount importance to the individual concerned and a privilege cherished with a high sense of honor on the part of those who minister to the sick.

It would be nice if half of the men of this command could enjoy a furlough during the Christmas holidays but to paraphrase the old adage of the stage trouper, "the sick must be cared for." That is the job of our men and that is the job they are doing very well now and that is the job that they will continue to do right through the Christmas holidays and it will be done with a smile and a deep sense of satisfaction.

COL. CORBY NEW 4th ARMY SURGEON

Colonel John F. Corby, for the past year assistant to the Corps Area Surgeon, 9th Corps Area, has been assigned to duty as Chief Surgeon for the Fourth Army with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco. The new assignment took effect on December 4, and in his capacity as Chief Surgeon for the Fourth Army Colonel Corby will have jurisdiction over all medical officers and medical department personnel in the mobile army in the western part of the United States.

It is a very important assignment and Colonel Corby has the necessary qualification for a very proficient performance of the duties entailed.

PEERLESS PIGSKIN PICKER PAUSES PERMANENTLY

The Sports Editor batting for Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier:

In the debacle of last Saturday afternoon in the Stanford Stadium the brilliant career of our preeminent forecaster came to an end.

There are a few feeble dribbles of football news still to be had but nothing worthy of his great talents. We fear that later on he may break out with a rash statement or two about the Bowl Games. We are grateful to Sergeant Ligier for his action in giving us a weekly forecast on the scores of the games during the football season. It made interesting reading for all of us and afforded lively discussion for some of us. As usual the second guessers and the Monday morning quarterbacks retained their normal advantages.

Sergeant Ligier is to be commended for his contribution to the football season now closing.

A streetcar passenger was puffing away on a cigar and the conductor sarcastically drew his attention to the "No Smoking" sign.

"Oh, I saw it," said the passenger, "but I can't follow all your rules. For example, the card beside it says 'Wear Excelsior Corsets'."

I don't like this cold weather.

Oh, it's nothing.

What are you talking about? It's zero.

Well, that's nothing.

"Is Dorothy suffering from some mental trouble?"

"No. Sentimental."

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, Chief Assistant Instructor of the X-ray school has been a patient in the hospital this week. Latest reports show that he is improving from the indisposition which confined him.

Sergeant Everard V. Cruea, Assistant Charge of Quarters, has issued another bulletin on his marital views. His latest pronouncement is: Quote —Marriage is a great institution but no for the ordinary soldier; there are too many responsibilities and too many worries accompanying an ordeal of this nature; anyway I am too young to get married; maybe later on but not now—end quote.

Sixty-five students completed the course in these schools Friday, November 5 and returned to their organizations.

Three new men have already come into school to start the course in group No. 10. These men are two weeks ahead of schedule but will start classes just the same. They are Private Andrew J. Bartley, Camp Sibert, Boulder City, Nevada; Private Walter J. Green, Jr., Fort Stevens, Oregon; and Private First Class Leo L. Red Hair, Air Base, Fresno, California.

1st Lieutenant Maurice M. Haskell, Instructor of the X-ray school, left on detached service as an attendant with a patient to Los Angeles, California, on November 29. In his absence Private Allen R. Crampton will endeavor to carry on the X-ray school.

A new addition to the day room in the barracks is a table tennis set which has already become a favorite pastime of the men. The day room is now equipped with soft rugs, easy chairs, comfy lounges ,plenty of newspapers and magazines, a console radio, and best of all—plenty of room and space for everyone to take advantage of all these things.

Annoncement has been made of the marriage of Staff Sergeant William L. Walker to Miss Elsie Moore, which took place on November 5, 1941. Miss Moore was formerly a nurse on the Letterman Hospital Staff. Congratulations are extended to the newlyweds from the men of the detachment.

Doctor: "I want to change the death certificate I gave you yesterday."

Coroner: "What's wrong?"

Doctor: "I signed my name in the space marked, 'cause of death.' "

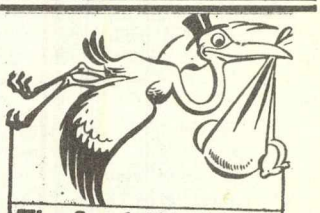
GO-GETTER: An individual who eats in a cafeteria.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

December 7, 1941

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Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
In the Post Chapel:
Religious services for Monday, December 8.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.



The Stork Was Here

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Marvin A. Holland, Hq. 4th Sq. Intercepter Command, March Feld, California, a son, Jack Andrew, weight 7 lbs., ½ ounce, born November 25.

To Captain and Mrs. David Cook, Quartermaster Corps, Fort Mason, a son, David J. Cook, Jr., weight 8 lbs., 4½ ounces, born November 30.

To Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Robert H. Wylie, Quartermaster Corps, Fort Mason, a daughter, Carol Ann, weight 7 lbs., 2½ ounces, on November 30.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lorenzo R. Lotta, 4th Air Support Command, Hamilton Field, California ,a daughter, Shirley Ann, weight 5 lbs., 14¾ ounces, December 2, 1941.

AND NOW IT IS CAPTAIN ERVIN

War Department orders have announced the promotion of 1st Lieutenant Clinton V. Ervin Jr. to the rank of Captain, Medical Corps Reserve.

Captain Ervin has been the ward oficer on Ward B-1, of this hospital for the past year and the patients under his care, as well as his professional associates, extend congratulations on the advancement.

Ten year old Patricia Ervin, now in the fifth grade, is also very happy about the second silver bar on Daddy's shoulder loop.

Salesman: "You pay a small deposit, then you make no more payments for six months."

Lady of the House: "Who told you about us?"

MISSION OF THE CHAPLAIN EXPLAINED BY GENERAL WILSON

"This is a reprint of an address delivered by Major General Walter K. Wilson when speaking to a Chaplains Conference at the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation on June 29, 1841. It is the best thing of its kind to appear in print in many years."

The question is often asked, "Is the Army interested in religion—if so, why?"

Modern warfare requires a soldier of the highest type—physically and mentally, and with plenty of moral courage. This soldier must be able to endure great physical strain. He must be able to march over hill and valley, over rough ground as well as smooth, through sand, water, mud or thicket. He must be able to run, to jump, to kneel, to lie down, to crawl on his stomach as occasion demands. At times he must go with little food or water, and for days at a time he must be able to get along with little sleep or rest. Throughout it all he must be ever ready to come into contact wth a first-class foe. Such are the physical requirements for the ideal soldier.

Mentally he must be able to think for himself. Modern weapons make it impossible to fight en mass as was done in the old days when soldiers entered the battlefield shoulder to shoulder. Now the soldier finds himself at considerable distances from any other human beings. Normally he is supposed to be within hailing distance but there will be times when he will be all alone on an active battlefield. His life and his ability to carry out his mission may depend upon his ability to think clearly.

Moral courage is an essential characteristic of the ideal soldier. There are a few men who apparently have no physical fear. They are useful at times but being indifferent to danger and death are apt to expose themselves uselessly and endanger not only themselves but others around them. The ideal soldier does know physical fear but he keeps this fear completely dominated by his moral courage, and his moral courage will enable him to do his duty no matter how difficult nor how dangerous.

Religion is of the greatest assistance in developing the ideal soldier. If a man becomes truly interested in religion his desire to do right becomes stronger and stronger, and his desire to do wrong becomes less and less. Both his body and his mind benefit by his interest in religion and for the development of moral courage there is no better prescription than a strong faith in God who will sustain him in the hour of danger. Religion also adds materially to the contentment and morale of those who are interested. Yes, the Army is very much interested in religion and the War Department has appointed hundreds of Chaplains to carry on the religious work in the Army.



MAJOR GENERAL Walter K. Wilson, U. S. Army, Commanding Ninth Coast Artillery District.

The Army has become accustomed to the word "mission." In all tactical problems it is very important for every commander to know the mission his unit is to perform. Often a commander will allow his unit to become involved on a side issue which he considers important, but in so doing he is very likely to fail in his mission. I have seen this happen often in maneuvers, and history records more than one important battle which was lost because some commander failed to have his unit at the place at the time required in his mission.

During maneuvers or battle when a messenger is sent out with an important message he cannot allow read blocks or other obstructions to stop him. His mission is to deliver the message as soon as possible and he must find a way around any obstacles. Stopping to help repair bridge or to help get a truck out of a ditch might be commendable at times but not when his message is still undelivered.

I have had an opportunity to observe the work of Army Chaplains for more than forty years. This work has varied from superior to poor depending largely to what extent the Chaplain has understood his real mission and how enthusiastically he has tried to carry it out.

The Chaplain has a great and grave responsibility. He is the only official representative of religion in the Army. His mission is clear-cut. It is his mission to develop the religious spark in the hearts of officers and men. His mission is not an easy one. Sometimes he will have little or no support from his Commanding Officer. This is usually due to ignorance on the part of the Commanding Officer as to the real benefits to his command. The Chaplain must overcome this difficulty. He can have no set rules as to how best to carry out his mission. He must have plenty of initiative, enthusiasm and sound judgement in carrying on his work. He must make friends and not enemies. He must command respect by his conduct, his attitude and his real desire to be of assistance. He must forget physical and mental fatigue and must take rebuff with a smile.

Too often the Chaplain has been diverted and has seemed to forget his real mission. Interest in athletics, recreation, amusements, libraries, etc., helps to make life more pleasant for the members of the command, but for the Chaplain such activities are of little value except insofar as they give him an opportunity to make contacts through which he can carry out his mission.

The Chapalain is an official messenger. He has a message of interest to all men of his unit. He need make no apologies for the message. His main concern is to deliver the message at the best place at the best time and in the best manner to make the greatest impression.

By helping to build the character of the individuals who make up the Army he is helping to make ideal soldiers, and the Chaplain has one of the greatest opportunities to make an important contribution to the success of the Army.

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LT. SANDBERG TO CANAL ZONE



Lieut. Ennis D. Sandberg, MAC.

In compliance with War Department orders Lt. Ennis D. Sandberg, Medical Administrative Corps, left Letterman Hospital last week enroute to his new station in the Panama Canal Zone.

Lt. Sandberg was born in Nebraska and graduated from the University of Kansas with B. S. in Pharmacy in 1934. He was appointed to the Army from the State of Kansas as Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, on March 4, 1939. He is a graduate of the Medical Field Service School, Basic Course in 1940. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, M.A.C. on September 9, 1940.

During the eight months of service at Letterman Hospital he made many friends and all wish him well at his new station.

She: "A woman's physical charms are her chief weapons in the battle of love.'

He: "Well, one thing is sure. You will never be arrested, dearie, for carrying concealed weapons."

—The Borrow Pit.

STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND

The strength of the command as of December 1st, 1941 was as follows:

Officers	**117**
Nurses	**144**
Enlisted Men	**719**
Patients	**1140**
Civilian Employes	**663**
Total	**2783**

MEDICAL DETACH

The Detachment announces that under Hospital Bulletin No. 205, dated December 1, 1941, members of the detachment may apply for appointment of warrant officer (junior grade) if eilgible. Eligibility rules include: Being a commissioned officer of the Army (except those in the Regular Army) or an enlisted man of the Army or former enlisted man with an honorable discharge. The candidate must be between the ages of 21 and 45 years, and must be a citizen of the United States.

Complete informatiion on this bulletin may be obtained from First Sergeant John B. Barr at the Detachment office.

Congratulations for the week go to: Archie D. Fineout, appointed Sergeant and Oscar R. Madsen, appointed Corporal.

Of interest: The plane trip T/Sgt. William E. Gross and Sgt. Thomas R. Bell are planning over the Xmas holidays. Los Angeles is their destination and they have their tickets to prove it.

T/Sgt. Theodore Schmierer who was discharged from the Service yesterday and who will reenlist, today.

Pvt. George Hargraves counting the days—and we don't mean until Xmas. It would seem that Pvt. Hargraves is anxious to see his one year of service completed.

Pvts. Robert Terrell and Jack K. Davis worrying and wondering about their chances for the Officers' training school.

Pvt. Edward A. Arnaiz sending travel money to a very special young lady.

Pvts. John W. Evans and Ralph M. Mason sporting black eyes. Evans claims he tripped in the dark in the Service club when he was locking it up and Mason just isn't saying. . .

First Sergeant John B. Barr with his head deep in a racing form.

Members of the Detachment are wondering if:

We too will have a supplementary pay day before Xmas such as the local papers announce the 43rd Division will have.

Corporal "Windy" West is having success with the organization of his orchestra—if he has decided upon a time and place for the first rehearsal, and—if "Windy" really does play first flute.

Sgt. John Saurwein, like Sgt. Ralph Gustafson before him, will return from his Los Angeles trip with that disgustingly healthy, sunburned, rugged look.

LETTERMAN PUT ON THE AIR BY COLONEL ROD

Mr. Rod Hendrickson, better known as Colonel Rod to thousands of radio listeners up and down the Coast, paid a tribute to Letterman Hospital during his program on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The talk was heard over the master radio set to which are attached headphones for the patients throughout the wards and the Colonel had a very interested and appreciative audience for the things he had to say about us.

Colonel Rod's talk is a regular feature of the radio programs broadcast each day over the hospital master set and he has a large following among the patients who listen daily to what he has to say and always with very evident enjoyment.

It is believed that Colonel Rod's program over KPO is one of the better of the shorter programs aired by the National Broadcasting Company. Coming as it does immediately at the termination of the afternoon visiting hours the patients have no other distractions, but so many think so highly of his talks that even visitors might have to wait until Colonel Rod finished.

COLONEL BUSCH GOES NORTH

Lt. Colonel Everett Busch, Post Quartermaster, has been advised that orders were issued during the past week relieving him from duty at Letterman General Hospital and assigning him with the 9th Army Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Colonel Busch is an officer of the Field Artillery Arm of the service but is detailed to the Quartermaster Corps. He has been stationed at Letterman Hospital a little over two years.

Bargain Rates For Those Who Want Opera Ducats

Arrangements have been made for Officers, Nurses, and Enlisted men in uniform to avail themselves of tickets for the Light Opera Season commencing Saturday, November 29. Tickets to personnel in uniform will be 55 cents, not in uniform $2.75.

Officers will be provided box seats for the same price.

These light operas will include The Firefly, Merry Widow, Hit the Deck, Babes in Toyland, at the Tivoli theater, in San Francisco. These tickets will be on sale at the Letterman Post Exchange starting Saturday, November 29, until the end of the season.

Cadet Kovanda Has Visit from Folks

During the past week Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kovanda of Elk Creek, Nebraska, have been here visiting their son, Aviation Cadet William A. Kovanda, who is a patient on ward C-1.

From Mr. Kovanda we learned that their boy is a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1939 where he was class president. He was also captain of a championship basketball team which, two years ago, made a tour of the Pacific Coast. On graduation he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve Corps but preferred to take training in aviation rather than active duty in the infantry.

We join with his father and mother in hoping for a speedy recovery.

RECENT CHANGES AMONG OFFICERS

From Temporary Duty Special Service Schools to Return to Proper Station, Camp San Luis Obispo, California:

Major Richard B. Pool, D. C.
Captain Earl B. Ray, M. C.
Captain Leon M. Michels, M. C.
1st Lt. Myron Samuel Guthrie, M. C.

From Temporary Duty Special Service Schools to return to Proper Station, Camp Roberts, California:

Major LaVerne M. Fletcher, D. C.
1st Lt. Samuel J. Weinberg, M. C.

From Temporary Duty Special Service Schools to return to Proper Station, Fort Ord, California:

Captain Rolla B. Hess, M. C.
Captain Alfred S. White, M. C.

From Temporary Duty Special Service Schools to return to Proper Station, Camp Haan, California:

1st Lt. Carl H. Jonas, M. C.

Reporting for Temporary Duty Special Service School, LGH., from Moffett Field, California:

Captain Neil Johnson, M. C.

Fence Sitters Will Lose Their Perch

An alteration that is a great improvement and likely to add much to the comforts of the patients, is the job of glassing in the former open side of the south corridor on the inner quadrangle of the hospital.

The work is being done by the personnel of the Quartermaster Utility Section and represents an expenditure of $3,566.65.

An unusual feature is the speed with which the project is being completed.

You're one in a million, kid. So are your chances.

Roving Photog Uncovers Donald



Donald B. Miller

Our wandering reporter, in his rounds of the hospital, attempted to turn photographer in addition to his other duties and made a photo of Donald B. Miller, which appears somewhere in the vicinity. Donald is one of our younger patients and might be called a veteran of two years standing in our ranks. He is the dean of all the patients on Ward B-1 and a great favorite with everybody. He is an authority on stamps and fiction of light character. He also enjoys an extensive acquaintance with the "funnies." Donald was recently the recipient of an autographed copy of the first editon of "Wild is the River" bearing the signature of the author, Louis Bromfield.

Anyone having a little leisure time might visit with Donald and enjoy a very pleasant half hour.

Walter Theobald Has Illinois Visitors

From Princeton, Illinois, which is not far from Peoria, last week, came Lawrence and Albert Theobald to visit their brother, Walter, who is a patient in ward B-1. The two young men drove the entire way from home and after thirty-six hours here with Walter they started back carrying with them our best wishes for a safe return to the land where it snows.

During their visit San Francisco put out its best weather, the usual kind, and we know they will want to come back soon.

GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN

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splice the break so that communication between intelligence groups and working crews can be maintained."

The above story is on the same high plane with the articles appearing in the paper and we congratulate the "Golden Gate Guardian" on its fine work.



MEN FROM THE POST ENJOY DAY AT MILLS COLLEGE

On Sunday, November 30, 1941, 30 men from the Presidio of San Francisco, enjoyed an afternoon of sports, dinner and then dancing at Mills College in Oakland. Arriving at about 3:00 p. m., the men were treated to exhibitions of various sports activities, and were also permitted to engage in sports activities themselves. The afternoon was wound up with a swim. Then everyone repaired to the Students' Union, where a buffet supper was served to the men. Supper was followed by informal dancing until 9:00 p. m. Miss Gnaedinger, hostess of the day, was assisted by an able committee of girls. All of the men enjoyed the afternoon and evening very much.

The men attending were: From CASC 1900, Privates Payne, Ross, Smith, Gibson, Sullivan, Whitfield and Baker, and St. Sgt. Banning. From 4th Army, Master Sergeant Simmons, Sergeant Swinty, and Privates Ziegler, Medina, Abbott, Freeman, Caron and Gahan. From Fort Scott Dispensary, Privates Dougherty, Kramiptz, Heberholt, and Atchinson. From 1st Military Area: Private Segerkuist. From Corps Area Recruiting Office, Privates Anderson and Guiso.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Ogilvie, Ordnance-Reserve, reported for one year's extended active duty in the Ordnance Department. Lieut. Ogilvie is at present on duty in the Ninth Corps Area Ordnance Office, pending permanent assignment.

C. O. OF 9TH ORDNANCE SERVICE CO. TO RETURN

Captain John W. Schroder, Ordnance Dept., Commanding Officer of 9th Ordnance Service Company, who was sent to the Ordnance School, Aberdeen, Maryland, for a one month automotive course, is due to return sometime after December 10, 1941. 1st Lieutenant Frank A. Ryder, Ordnance Department, has been acting Commanding Officer, 9th Ordnance Service Company, in the absence of Captain Schroder.

SERGEANTS TO STUDY IN MARYLAND

Staff Sergeants Harry H. Montgomery, Gordon H. Kadoch and Sergeant Ira C. Simpson, Ninth Ordnance Service personnel, stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, were sent to the Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland, for the purpose of pursuing a course of instructions in Depot and Supply. Staff Sergeant Montgomery left for Aberdeen on October 25, 1941 and will not be back until some time in February, 1942, while Staff Sergeant Kadoch and Sergeant Simpson left on November 25, 1941 and will be back from the school some time in March, 1942.

BAND CHANGES NAME

The band, which has so long been associated with the Thirtieth Infantry, bid goodbye to their friends, who left for Fort Lewis, Washington, last week. From now on, the band will be known as the Fifty-third Infantry Band. They will lead the marching and drilling of the regiment with their music, and will, in addition, be the dance band for the Officers Club and the Aquatic Park dances.

Q. M. NEWS

The men of the Enlisted Detachment of the Quartermaster Department learn with regret of the orders assigning Colonel Busch to a new station at Fort Lewis, Washington. The Colonel has been a very popular Commanding Officer and his men wish him well in his new field.

From where we sit it looks as though the "Commissary Orphans" have something in their scheme to make this a better Merry Christmas.

Has anyone noticed the nice new set of teeth a certain man in the detachment is now showing? At least he can afford to be generous with his smiles under the new set-up.

Wanted: Some big-hearted person to assist two members of the Quartermaster personnel in figuring out the forthcoming income tax return. So far as we know they are the only plutocrats who make enough to pay an income tax.

The men interested in joining the newly organized Turkish Bath Club are advised to contact anyone of the commissary office force. Initiation fee is one bath towel.

Enlargement Plans Told for Camps

Plans are in preparation for enlarging housing and facilities for approximately 9,300 additional officers and enlisted men at Camp Haan and Camp Callan, it was announced today at the Office of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster in San Francisco. Cost of these additions, if authorized, are expected to amount to a total of about five million dollars.

Buildings will be temporary, wood frame structures, similar to those now on the site, which extends along the west side of Highway 101 on Torrey Pines mesa. These accommodations will provide housing for 3,300 more men at the present 8,000 man post. Facilities will be provided for about 6,000 men making up two Coast Artillery Regiments, two Coast Artillery Battalions and units of the Coast Artillery Signal Corps. As about 12,000 men are now stationed at Camp Haan, these additions, if constructed, will involve considerable expansion of the post.

WAR DEPARTMENT THEATER

Week of December 6-12

Saturday, December 6:
GREAT GUNS, Stan Laurel-Oliver Hardy.

Sunday and Monday, December 7 and 8:
HOT SPOT, Victor Mature-Betty Brable, Carole Landis.

Tuesday, December 9:
TWO FACED WOMAN, Greta Garbo-Melvyn Douglas, Constance Bennett.

Wednesday and Thursday, December 10 and 11:
SUNDOWN, Gene Tierney-Bruce Cabot, George Sanders.

Friday, December 12:
DOUBLE FEATURE — MOON OVER HER SHOULDER, Lynn Bari-John Sutton, and I KILLED THAT MAN, Ricardo Cortez-Joan Woodbury.

ARMY NURSE CORP

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And the city desk is sitll unaware of the nature of Miss Nichols' illness but hopes she will be back on the job by the time the paper comes from the press.

RETAIL LEADERS URGE BUYING OF DEFENSE STAMPS

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"This is a job for every man, woman, and child in America. It is a job that requires unity of thought and action. Purchase of Defense Savings Stamps and eventually a Defense Savings Bond is an investment in the strongest financial institution in the world—the United States Government—and is a manifestation of the patriotism of those who so invest."—*Lewis W. Cole*, Chairman, National Association of Food Chains.

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"This is a time for tightening the national belt. It is a time to show the world that America is hard, not soft; that we, as independent citizens of the world's greatest Republic, are willing to sacrifice, to protect and fight for the things we hold dear; that we will defend to the last those heritages which are ours of right."—*H. H. Sack*, President, National Association of Retail Grocers.

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"The hardware men of America are eager to make any sacrifice to aid in this all-out defense effort. We have joined for the duration to make America safe, to protect our homes and our country, and every hardware dealer and salesman in the country has become an aggressive salesman for United States Defense Savings Stamps."—*Thomas K. Huff*, President, National Retail Hardware Association.

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"Every restaurant and eating place in America from coast to coast wants to aid in our great Nation-wide defense effort. We are offering our facilities to help our Government in selling Defense Savings Stamps, presenting the people a convenient depot for the purchase of these shares in America."—*Miss Grace E. Smith*, President, National Restaurant Association.

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"It seems to me that the paramount duty of every citizen is to rally with every ounce of strength to raise the money necessary for our adequate defense. The Government has given us an opportunity to lend our money for this high purpose. To buy Defense Stamps is our duty as citizens, and our group in the retail federation is cooperating in every way possible."—*Louis E. Kirstein*, Chairman, American Retail Federation.

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"The widespread facilities of the retail furniture stores in America are voluntarily placed at the disposal of the Government for the sale of Defense Savings Stamps. Our salesmen are Uncle Sam's salesmen, each seeking to impress his customers with the duty of becoming purchasers of Defense Savings Stamps."—*J. Hudson Huffard*, Chairman of the Board, National Retail Furniture Association.



Tall, lovely blonde from Fresno, California, and Pomona College. Star of stage and radio. Her laurels include awards for swimming as well as the many for her beautiful "bell-tone" soprano voice with a range from low F to F above high C. An English-Dutch descendant of three generations of ministers, her ancestry going back to the Mayflower, she began her career singing in a church choir. National recognition came when she was chosen winner in a West Coast radio audition contest. Has one ambition: to become an internationally-famous concert singer, a goal well within her grasp. Plays the piano, writes songs and collects vocal records.



Vivacious and personable, this Indianapolis contralto is the newest member of the Hour of Charm All-Girl Orchestra. She is destined to go far in radio. Won her place in the orchestra through popular acclaim when Mr. Spitalny conducted a series of auditions to determine the successor to the orginal singer of the same name. She's a former Butler University coed, music school student, and soloist with the Indianapolis Symphony. A winner, too, in a National Federation of Music Clubs' Young Artists' Contest. Finds leisure between rehearsals to study photography and knit sweaters.



Known to radio listeners as "Evelyn and the Magic Violin," this charming young woman is second in control to the maestro, and makes all important musical arrangements for the Hour of Charm. First prizes, gold medals, scholarships and national awards have come to her, one after another, since she began to study music at the age of seven. A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, she has appeared many times in recitals at Town Hall and Carnegie Hall. Her violin, a rare Berganzi (1756) was an award of honor from the National Arts Society. She also plays the piano and viola. Has perfect pitch. Is entirely feminine in dress. Collects four-leaf clovers.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 120.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 29, 1865.

The whiskey ration will no longer be supplied to the troops of the United States by the Subsistence Department. The whiskey now on hand will be sold under the orders of the Commissary General of Subsistence.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

Recd. Sept. 5, 1865

This reproduction of an old War Department General Order is made possible by the loan of the original from Master Sergeant Jack Greenwell, QMC, retired. He discovered it some 17 years ago among some old papers in the warehouse at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Note the date of the order when issued at Washington and the date of receipt at Vancouver Barracks penned in ink.

When Men Meet Men

There's a comforting thought at the close of the day,
When I'm lonely and weary and sad,
That sort of grips hold of my crusty old heart,
And bids it be merry and glad,
It gets in my soul, and drives out the blues,
And finally thrills, through and through,
It's just a fond memory that chants out the refrain,
"I'm glad I touched shoulders with you."

Do you know you are brave? Do you know you are strong?
A man when he speaks will be heard
Do you know I waited and listened and prayed,
And was cheered by your simplest word?
Do you know that I longed for the smile on your face,
For the sound of your voice ring-ing true?
Do you know I grew better and happier, too,
Because I touched shoulders with you?

I'm glad that I live, that I battle and strive,
For the place I know I must fill.
I'm thankful for sorrows I'll meet with a smile,
What fortune may send, good or ill,
I may not have wealth, I may not be great,
But I know I shall always be true,
For I have in my soul the courage you gave,
When I first touched shoulders with you.

—Sgt. Germany

Oklahoma in Line

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Twenty thousand retail outlets in Oklahoma are selling Defense Savings Stamps and will continue to do so for the duration of the emergency according to a survey by H. C. Jones, State administrator, Defense Savings Program in Oklahoma.

Xmas Cards In New Dress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An entirely new idea in Christmas cards, with a Defense Savings Stamp theme, is affording the public the opportunity of giving Defense Savings Stamps as Christmas presents through a new and novel channel.

More than five million of these patriotic Christmas cards, together with stamp albums, have been placed on sale in retail stores so the purchaser may buy the cards, start the stamp album off with one or more Defense Savings Stamps, and mail to friends.

THE FOG HORN

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THE WAR COMES TO LETTERMAN

When the patients who had tuned in on the hospital radio system on Sunday last heard the announcement of the bombing of Hawaii, many of them were not to be deluded by such news. The memory of an occasion not so long ago when the eastern seaboard was the victim of an all too realistic radio play was still fresh. With the repetition of the announcement and further amplification as the news was received from official sources the emotions of our men found expression in contempt and anger, contempt for an enemy as perfidious as Japan and anger over the attack, without warning, which shed the first American blood on American soil, on a peaceful Sunday morning in the "Paradise of the Pacific!" A paradise that became an inferno even as the men of our army and navy knelt in worship in the post chapels and on board the ships of the fleet.

Without exception the patients, after the first shock, viewed the situation very calmly. Those able to reach the game rooms or the solarium talked things over and indulged in conjecture as to how and why it all happened. Men recently returned from Oahu and Corregidor were in a position to give graphic descriptions of the terrain under fire.

The reservation was immediately placed on a war status with the closing of the gates to all unauthorized visitors and for a brief time there was some confusion in the interpretation of the new order insofar as it affected families and relatives of the patients. That was soon adjusted and there seems to be no reason for further restriction on visiting or visitors.

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MEMORIAL CHAPEL A MONUMENT



Memorial Chapel, Walter Reed General Hospital.

The recent completion of the general program of chapel construction throughout the army has filled a want long existing in the service. These edifices were built following congressional approval of an appropriation to cover the cost of the extensive plan to furnish houses of worship for the men of the armed forces.

Up to the present year the building of chapels on military reservations required special permission in each case and the project was always without expense to the government. An outstanding example of that procedure is the Memorial Chapel at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. It is of special interest to us here at Letterman because one of our officers—Chaplain McKenna—had the honor of being one of a group gathered around the desk of the Commanding Officer back in 1922 for the purpose of selecting the site for the Chapel and another of our officers—Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt—presided at the Thanksgiving services fourteen years later when the last note of indebtedness was burned and the edifice became unencumbered property of the nation.

During that long period of fourteen years there is one name which stands out in the long roster of those who helped to turn a dream into reality. Like Abou Ben Adhem—the name of Margaret H. Lower leads all the rest and to her we are indebted for the notes on which this article is based.

Miss Lower became Field Director of the American Red Cross at Walter Reed Hospital in 1918 and to this day she has continued to hold that post to shed lustre on the accomplishments of the organization under her direction. She has been a bulwark of support for all of the Commanding Officers of Walter Reed Hospital and the Army Medical Center from the days of General Glennon when the chapel project was initiated to the tour of command of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt when the chapel took its place among the monuments of the nation.

We may dispense with the recital of the reasons which prompted the idea of a chapel on the hospital reservation and take up Miss Lower's account of the successive steps taken

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MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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to secure the all important finances necessary for the construction and furnishing of the memorial chapel.

Two years were to pass before anything of a concrete nature took place and then the premiere of D. W. Griffith's film "America" was shown at Poli's Theatre and the entire proceeds of $4700.00 went into the Chapel Fund. Next a group of patients, nurses, and enlisted men put on a very creditable performance of "Believe me, Xantippe" in the city of Washington and the fund was increased by $7000.00. The efforts of the Gray Ladies were enlisted and by 1927 more than $20,000.00 was in the bank. In 1929 a call for bids brought a figure of $84,900.00 as the cost of the chapel but the fund lacked $32,000.00 of that amount and payment had to be pledged before actual work could be started. Mrs. Rea, Honorary Chairman of the Gray Ladies, donated that sum and the chapel began to become a tangible project.

Ground was broken on November 11, 1929. The corner stone was laid by the then Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, on May 28, 1930. The chapel was dedicated and turned over to the Secretary of War on May 21, 1941, and the first was held on June 7, 1931. The chapel when completed, including the memorials, cost $161,000.00.

Everything in the chapel is a memorial and not the name of a donor is mentioned. A history of the memorials and the names of the donors are all inscribed in "The Memorial Chapel Record."

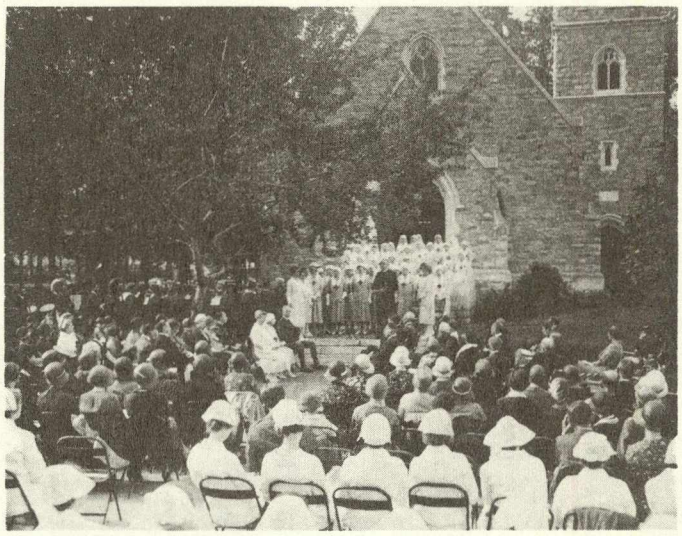
The memorials include the Tower given by Mrs. Rea in memory of Brigadier General James Denver Glennon, who was the commanding officer at Walter Reed from 1918 until 1926, eleven stained glass windows, eight buttresses, pews, prayer desks, chancel chairs, marble floor in sanctuary, pulpit, altar rail, choir stalls, marble altar and reredos, organ, flags, and baptismal font.

The chapel contains forty pews and will seat 250 persons. It is so arranged that services of all denominations may be held. There is also a smaller chapel located in a wing of the building where funerals and weddings may be conducted when the use of the main chapel is not desired. The chapel is also used for the meetings of the Chapel Guild and during the four years from 1935 to 1939 Mrs. Wallace De Witt was the President of the Chapel Guild and directed that organization in many worthy works of charity.

This story about the Memorial Chapel at Walter Reed General Hospital may well end with a direct quotation from the notes furnished by Miss Lower: "The Chapel is a memorial to all men and women who have given service to be used by those in service." As Cicero stated it—"The life of the dead is placed in the memories of the living."



Interior view of Memorial Chapel, Walter Reed General Hospital.



Bishop Freeman speaking at dedication services of Memorial Chapel.

"Joe, you carry the baby and let me have the eggs. You might drop them.'

APHORISTIC

Some folks are so ornery they won't even agree with the food they eat.

Where there's a will there's relatives.

A man can talk all he wants, but it's what the woman answers that really counts.

The only way to catch fish is to fish.

Ever meet a fella who was so homespun he started to unravel the minute you talked to him?

The mule is half horse and half jackass and then comes to a full stop, Nature discovering her mistake.

You can't carve anything out of rotten wood.

It takes two people to start an argument, and a third one to stop it.

—The Gilcrafter.

Opportunity To Win Commission Now Presented

From selectee to second lieutenant in the Army of the United States in less than nine months—that advancement is possible, according to information released today from the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Officer Candidate Schools conducted by the various arms and services are the media for this rapid progress. During the month of October some 250 young men from the various posts, camps, and stations in the Ninth Corps Area were accepted for these schools.

An application for selection to attend one of the 90-day officer candidate courses may be amde by any enlisted man—Regular Army, National Guard, Selectee, or Regular Army or Enlisted Reservist, or Warrant Officer in active federal service—under the following general requirements:

The applicant must have five month's continuous service in the Army of the United States immediately prior to the opening date of the course for which application is made.

The minimum age is 21 years on the date of opening of the course. The maximum age is 29 years. No applicant will be accepted who will reach his 29th birthday prior to the opening day of the course for which application is made. However, selectees already inducted and enlisted men of the Regular Army and National Guard, enlisted on or after August 27, 1940, are eligible prior to their 37th birthday, provided they meet other requirements.

CHAOS: Something people are always bringing order out of.

A colored lady was asked if she had ever been X-rayed.

"No, sir," she replied. "But I have been ultra-violated."

Woman—"How much do you charge for photographing children?"

Photographer—"Ten dollars a dozen."

Woman—"Well, how much for my family? I've only seven."

—Purple Parrot.

LETTERMAN NURSES HAIL FROM 38 STATES

A perusal of the roster of nurses on duty at Letterman Hospital discloses the fact that thirty-eight states and six foreign countries have representatives in the group. California leads with twenty-eight native daughters on the roll. The names and native states follow:

Arizona—Helene M. Girodon.

California—Elizabeth Treuholtz, Barbara Benett, Anna P. Hart, Edith Heinrich, Madeline Tietgens, Katherine Trask, Barbara D. Walker, Catherine R. Wiley, Nina P. Brandt, Genevieve R. Corboline, Charlotte B. Folson, Ethel M. French, Barbara M. Hauck, Eileen M. Holtzen, Mary A. Ladner, Vera S. Logan, Anne E. McCarthy, Daisy R. Matthews, Josephine C. Osborne, Ada M. Plog, Frances I. Reanier, Erna D. Seegelken, Carmelita Varni, Frances Wagner, Evelyn M. Brown, Faye P. Harvey, Merochelle H. Norton, Claire Stihl.

Conneticut—Clara M. Kiely.

Delaware—Sara C. Brogan.

Georgia—Josie Self, Minnie B. Schell.

Idaho—Elizabeth E. Creasey, Ellen Earley, Rosa C. Patano, Eva E. Bunch.

Illinois: Ann B. Bakalar, Ruth A. Miller, Mila P. Rutherman, Vivian R. Berggren, Catherine Hayes, Ann M. Karbin, Marjorie W. Lawson, Chrystal E. Lind, Jessie R. Mains, Lucile H. Newell, Bessie R. Stevens, Ida M. Thompson, Mary E. Tyrrell, Sally Anne Zumaris, Ruth Wagner.

Iowa—Sabina Schmidt, Ella M. Balderstone, Reba M. Grimes, Anna Beth Jones, Irma K. Kauffman, Bernadine B. Tomlinson, Loraine C. Ward, Manda E. Zuber.

Kansas—Ann L. Cambell.

Kentucky—Myrtle L. Edison, Belva A. Towery.

Louisiana—Charlotte Parham.

Maine—Clara E. Jowett.

Massachusetts—Lulu J. Newon, Jean K. Ferguson.

Minnesota—Lucille L. Jerabek, Ida E. Peschon, Wilma Sandberg, Helen E. Callensen, Phillis I. Isely, Mary McHugh, Irene M. Musser, Florence V. Medin.

Mississippi—Frances Ewing.

Missouri—Norma A. Pickering.

Montana—Agnes A. Doyle, Helen G. Johnson, Catherine E. Lowe, M. M. Rouse, Lois V. Mikesell.

Nebraska — Pauline McMullen, Mary E. Short, Margaret E. Taylor.

Nevada—Alice M. Curto.



Photo shows new outdoor uniform of the United States Army Nurse Corps. Cape is navy blue with maroon lining and Peter Pan collar and is of fingertip length. The overseas cap is of the same color with maroon piping and the caduceus with superimposed "N" insignia of the A.N.C. is worn. Second Lieut. Julia Martin is the model.

New Hampshire—Mary E. Kennedy.

New Mexico—Ruth Laumbach.

New York—Margaret A. Hoff, Clara W. Woodruff, Dorothy A. Pill.

North Carolina—Nancy B. Kinsey.

North Dakota—Mildred I. Bowers.

Ohio—Emma E. Rose, Nellie E. Frees, Geneva L. Coe, Edna E. Gardner, Susanne E. Chilcoat.

Oklahoma—Mary Katherine Cuppy, Gladys M. Crosno, Orah D. Stephenson.

Oregon—Kay M. Moss, Marion D. Elliott.

Pennsylvania—Anna M. Grassmyer, Virginia Hughes, Gertrude C. Sieert, Anna Shamansky, Evelyn J. Hart, Julia E. Martin, Myrna L. Spahr, Jessie A. Whytoshek.

Rhode Island—Jane L. Sanctuary, Margaret A. Hickey.

South Dakota—Gertrude L. Bamsey, Margaret A. McWeeny, Gladys E. Nichols, Teresa M. Trudeau.

Tennessee—Lucille E. Chase.

Texas—Anita Alcala, Estelle S. Blair.

Utah—Daphne M. Fromm, Vera Middleton, Dolores Smith.

Vermont—Angie E. Child.

Virginia—Jaynie E. Belcher.

Washington—Emily L. Eskuche Rosaleen V. Kelly, Grace M. Shields, Anne C. Harmon.

Wisconsin—Marian M. Collins, Alvine L. Schmidt.

Wyoming—Rhoda McCullough.

Ireland—Annie T. O'Leary.

Norway—Joreen Larson.

New Zealand—Bety S. Boyd.

P. I.—Helen J. Cushing.

Sweden—Margaret Hanson.

Canada—Annie O. Baird, Pearl G. Nicolls, Hazel E. Berg, Florence C. Jacobsen.

Embarkation Port Ahead of Schedule

With more than twenty-five hundred workmen swarming over partially finished buildings, the mamoth 32-million dollar Oakland Port of Embarkation and General Depot, one of the largest terminal depots on the Pacific Coast, will soon be ready for occupancy by the Quartermaster Corps and the Army Transport Service, it was announced today at the Office of the Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster in San Francisco.

Although originally scheduled for completion by April 1, 1942, work on a 24-hour basis has gone forward so rapidly that the current eight and a half million dollar program is almost two months ahead of schedule.

Through acquisition of wharfs from the Port of Oakland, the Army has been able to utilize a deep water port and carry on loading and unloading of Army transports while pushing ahead the construction of the port facilities.

Outstanding fact about the port is that it provides deep water docking facilities and a 1,400-foot turning basin to accommodate at least twelve ocean going liners simultaneously, while warehouse space soon available will total 4,320,000 square floor feet.

The warehouses, of which there are four, are giant structures almost three city blocks long—180 feet in width, 1,300 feet in length. Each has a floor space of 233,640 square feet.

For the storage of supplies for immediate reshipment there are two transit sheds with a total floor space of 226,800 square feet, and wharfage sheds providing 215,000 square feet of floor space.

The open storage area consists of 375,000 square feet, and will provide storage for thousands of trucks and mobile equipment.

As for the bay, part is being deepened, another part is being filled. Over one million cubic yards of material has been dredged from the bay by suction and clamshell diggers. Pilings of an old wooden wharf have been pulled to make way for the new wharf, and the hulls of three old cruisers—sunk years ago to form a breakwater—have been removed with much difficulty from the ship basin. At the same time, more than a million and a half tons of rock, clay and gravel have been used to fill what was once sub-tide marsh and wasteland. into the dry fill hun-

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EDITORIAL

KEEP OUR FREEDOM

On December 15, 1791, Virginia—the eleventh state—ratified the ten amendments to the Constitution which guarantee the individual rights of the people and became known as the Bill of Rights.

The first amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This is the basic article of the great Bill—more important than all the others together. There is more need today to guard the Four Freedoms than at any time in our history. Intolerance is abroad in our land. Efforts to stir up racial hatred have the appearance of being well organized. The recent attempt to bring about federal censorship of motion pictures is ominous. And more of the same might be mentioned.

Congress has fixed December 15 as Bill of Rights Day for the commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights. It should be observed in every community, and what is more important it should be enshrined in the heart of every good citizen.

Let us keep America free.

One of the oldest parlor tricks is to make little brother disappear.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Some of the duty personnel to go on detached service, with patients, were Staff Sergeant William L. Walker, to Downey, Illinois; Sergeant Herman R. Knoller, to Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sergeant Walter Sambur, to Northampton, Massachusetts; and Private First Class Delmar E. Carlson, to Cowden Illinois.

Carlson and Sambur were going to visit their relatives who live in Chicago and Boston, respectively. Because of this emergency, there will be no delay enroute authorized.

It appears Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry, clerk at the school headquarters, will be a little disappointed with the turn of world events, within the last few days. LeRoy went on detached service, as an attendant with a patient, to Chicago, Illinois, the latter part of last week. He had four days delay and was going to spend it on the return trip at the home of his fiancee, Miss Jean Lohmeier, who lives in the northern part of Montana.

Some of the men who assisted civilian defense workers in the Marina district on Monday last were Staff Sergeant John T. Young, Private First Class Robert L. Frasher, Sergeant Howard B. Dow, Private First Class Clovis L. Walker, and Private First Class Alfred Rozadilla, Jr.

Captain Donald E. Casad, instructor of the medical school and assistant detachment commander, returned from detached service on December 8, 1941.

All privates and privates first class who have to stand on duty as assistants to the charge of quarters will have to be on duty from 5:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m. They will have to sleep overnight at the school headquarters and be prepared to answer the phone at any time during the night, or for any other emergency which may take place during said time.

On Monday, December 8, 1941, every student of the Special Service School received a special privilege card. This card is necessary if any student wants to get off the post. No one will be excused from the 11:00 p. m. bed-check.



Miss Mildred Bowers, the latest to join the ANC Reserve, arrived here just in time to have her native state of North Dakota listed among the thirty-eight states who have daughters on the nursing staff at this hospital.

Miss Bowers was born in Regent, N. D., and attended high school there before taking up her studies at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill. Her professional training was made at Evanston Hospital and after graduation she joined the staff at on the staff at Stanford Hospital in that hospital. More recently she was San Francisco. Her hobbies are bowling and skating.

Looks as though we will soon be wearing those new caps if all the recent head measuring has any significance.

Those three black stripes on the cap of Miss Florence Madine run in the wrong direction to mean anything in the army.

And of course if no one does nothing we cannot have no news to fill this space with. The city editor says how about it?

Stop it—you'll squeeze the life out of me!

Impossible. You haven't any life in you.

Give me a sentence using the word "miniature."

The miniature asleep you begin to snore.

Romeo: Sweetheart of mine, I'm burning up with love for you.

Juliet: Don't make a fuel of yourself!

STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND

The strength of the Command as of December 8, 1941 was as follows:

Officers	**118**
Nurses	**144**
Enlisted Men	**657**
Patients	**1127**
Civilian Employes	**667**
Total	**2713**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY

DECEMBER 14, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

December 14th, 1799—General George Washington died at Mt. Vernon. The flags of every British man o' war were lowered to half mast in tribute to a gallant adversary and gentleman, and Napoleon, First Consul of France, ordered black crepe suspended from all flags in the French service for a period of ten days.

December 15th, 1890—Sitting Bull, Chief of the Sioux Indians, who led his tribe against General Custer in the historic massacre, died this date.

December 16th, 1773—The Boston Tea Party held in Boston Harbor and the slogan "No taxation without representation" was quoted for the first time.

December 17th, 1903—The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, made the first successful mechanical airplane flight at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

December 18th, 1931—Lieut. William A. Cooke, Air Reserve, Hawaiian Department, established a duration record for glider flight by covering a distance of 600 miles after a flight of 21 hours, 34 minutes, and 15 seconds.

December 19th, 1899—General Henry W. Lawton, who had captured Geronimo, was killed in action while pursuing the insurgent Aguinaldo in the Philippines.

December 20th, 1803—The Stars and Stripes raised over New Orleans to mark the transfer of sovereignty over the Louisana Territory from France to the United States.

I've got a hotel heart.
Always room for one more.

Never trust a girl who says she loves you more than anybody else in the world. It proves she has been experimenting.

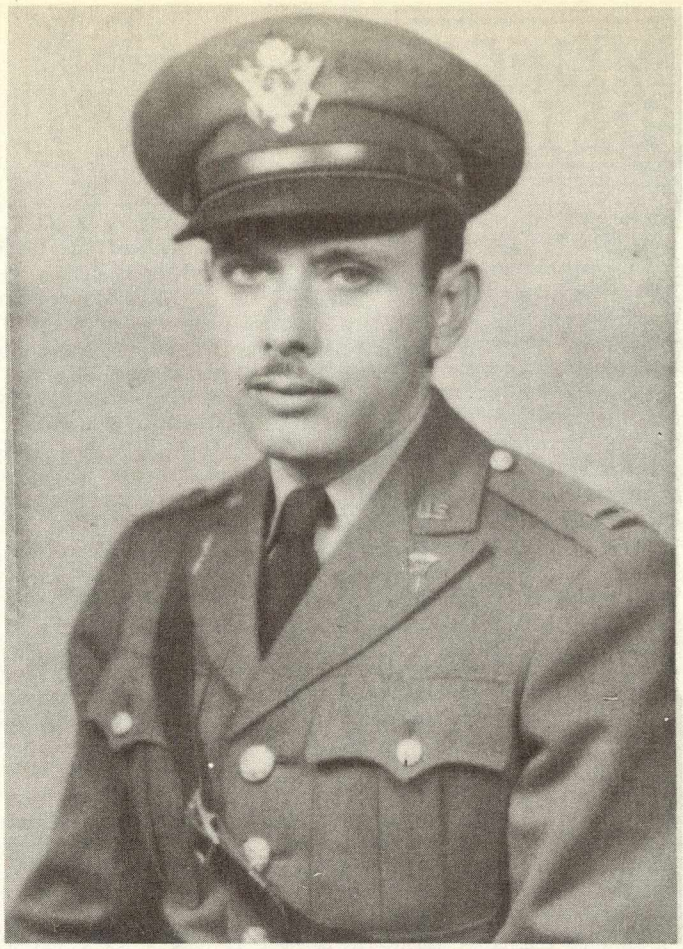
Anonymity Bared in Case of Our Assistant Adjutant

Not long ago when the Congress authorized an appropriation to cover the pay of six administrative assistants to the President, our Commander in Chief announced that he would make the appointments from candidates who had a passion for anonymity. And he might have started with the officers who have the title of "Assistant Adjutant" in any organization in this man's army.

An assistant adjutant is the officer whose name rarely appears on official papers. He does most of the drudgery incidental to the fine detail required in the paper work siphoned through the Adjutant's Office. He makes none of the decisions as to general policy and his interpretation of regulations does not have the force of law. On the other hand, the Adjutant represents the Commanding Officer and speaks for him while the Assistant Adjutant represents only himself and whispers at his own peril.

Here at Letterman Captain Frank R. Day is the assistant adjutant and a very busy attache of the adjutant's staff. The million and one things demanding the attention of the adjutant are all first to Captain Day's mill and he grinds them out with a minimum of delay or confusion. His quiet tone of voice carries with it a note of assurance and his general demeanor is indicative of one who acts from conviction. When he moves he knows what he is doing and why.

Prior to appointment in the Medical Administrative Corps he had five years service in the Medical Department where he learned by doing. In January 1931, he accepted a commission as Second Lieutenant, M.A.C., and was promoted to First Lieutenant in 1936, he became a Captain in 1940. He is a graduate of the Medical Field Service School Class of 1937.



CAPTAIN FRANK R. DAY
Medical Administrative Corps

Letterman Cagers Prepare for New Casaba Season

With the Winter league rapidly drawing nearer, the Letterman Basketball Team is being pushed rather hard by Sergeant George Edwards to insure a team able to hold its own in the league. Practice is being held three nights each week and Coach Edwards is stressing the fundamentals of passing and the setting up of plays. "The entire squad looks good as far as defense is concerned, but we still lack that drive for underbasket work," says Edwards.

The team has been some strengthened by the return of Corporal Merle C. "Windy" West, who was sidelined for some time with appendicitis. "Bobby" Botseth is still nursing a smashed finger, but he is expected back in a few days.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more news regarding YOUR ball team, and don't forget, put that opening game on your "MUST SEE" list.

Recent Changes Among Officers

Reporting for active duty and 28 days training from San Francisco, California:

Major Allan Palmer, M. C.

Reporting for active duty from Van Nuys, California:

1st Lieutenant Raymond M. Kay, M. C.

Reporting for active duty for one year active duty from Mill Valley, California:

1st Lieutenant Orville B. Nelson, N. S.

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SERGEANT KUNTZ KNOWS HIS ORIENT AND SUCH PLACES

Technical Sergeant Henry Kuntz, Medical Department, United States Army, was born in Zurich, Switzerland, and came to the United States in 1910.

He enlisted in the army at Cleveland in 1915 and was sent to the recruit depot at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri before being assigned to the 20th infantry at Fort Bliss, Texas A year later he was transferred to the 34th Infantry when that regiment was organized at Camp Cotton, and after another year he went to the 64th Infantry at the same post and went overseas with the 7th Division.



TECHNICAL SERGEANT HENRY KUNTZ

Sgt. Kuntz returned to the United States with his regiment in July 1919, was discharged and re-enlisted in the Motor Transport Corps for one year. In October of 1921, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was sent to Guam for eighteen months and from there to the Marine Barracks at Olongapo in the Philippines for another year. On the expiration of his enlistment he repeated in the Marine Corps and was sent to Peiping for duty with the Legation Guard where he spent the next three years.

In December 1927 Sgt. Kuntz returned to his first love, the Infantry of the army, and was assigned to the 7th Infantry with Station at Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, where he served out his full term of three years on that hitch. In January 1931 he reenlisted for the Medical Department here at Letterman and he has been with us ever since.

He was discharged at the end of his war service as a sergeant and the next time he wore chevrons was when he became Corporal of the Guard at Letterman and remained on that duty for a year before going to the Receiving Office where he spent the next eight years.

His further promotion to sergeant came in 1934 and in 1940 he was advanced to Staff Sergeant and stepped up another notch in 1941 when he was rated Technical Sergeant. His present duty is assistant NCO in charge of Hospital Police and Personnel where his extensive military training is proving very valuable in the performance of his duties.

In 1933 Sgt. Kuntz was married to Miss Winifred E. Knowlton, a native of Idaho. They have no children

MEDICAL DETACH

Gregory K. Bogue and Theodore F. Clark are to be congratulated this week for apointments to the grade of Privates First Class.

Formerly "our boy" Bob Harris who was transferred to the Intelligence Service as a Sergeant entered the fistic wars Monday night, December 8, at the Civic Auditorium in the light-heavy weight Service Men's class of the Golden Gloves tournament. And although Bob lost a close decision he put up a whale of a fight. He was managed in the ring by Privates "Genial John" Jack K. Davis and Albert J. Giovanetti of the Detachment. The only comment the fallen gladiator had to say after the fight was, "one manager is enough!!! A fighter of my caliber just can't keep one eye on his opponent, one eye on the referee and listen to both managers at the same time. Maybe I should have had an assistant in the ring with me to take care of the referee—or better sill to take care of my oponent." It was a good fight anyway, Bob. And maybe you will agree that a fighter begins to slow up a little bit when he passes the "twenties" mark in years.

Lt. A. R. Dunber, Presidio A. & R. Officer announces that enlisted men of the Detachment who had planned to attend the Industrial Division of San Francisco Recreation Department Service Men's Dance at the Gold Room of the Palace Hotel last Wednesday night and discovered it had been postponed would have an opportunity to attend at a later date. Cheer up! Indefinitely doesn't necessarily mean forever, and I'll bet those five hundred hostesses will still be on hand.

By the looks of things:

Private George "Skinny Goble" Hargraves had "barely better" forget the number of days until the end of his "first?" year and **home** and and **Dorothy**. How about that??

Technical Sergeant William E. Gross and Sergeant Thomas R. Bell **will** be on the post for Xmas, and not in Los Angeles per Airplane as they had planned. Mighty inconsiderate those Japanese or maybe they just haven't heard of Santa Claus.

Corporal Merle C. "Windy" West is playing a better brand of basketball during practice since his appendectomy.

Wedding bells will be the order of the day in the near future for: Sergeant Ernest P. Kiernan and Corporal Irving C. Weill.



The Stork Was Here

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Aldo R. Rossi, 8th Signal Service, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a son, Aldo Robert, weight 6 bs., 13 ounces, born December 7, 1941.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Anthony Wermuth, 53rd Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a son, Phillip Stanley, weight 6 lbs., 13½ ounces, on December 8, 1941.

Magic Desk At Camp Grant

A certain secretarial desk at Camp Grant, Illinois, has been a good substitute for catching the bride's bouquet at a wedding. In the past year the five secretaries who have used the desk in the Construction Quartermaster's office have fallen victim to cupid's darts. Three of the girls already are married and two others have announced their engagements. The camp now has a slogan for that secretarial desk. "Magic Desk—Mustn't Touch or You'll Wind Up a Bride."

Perhaps Letterman could use a desk or two of that type.

ENLISTED PILOTS

The Army has renewed its invitation to enlisted men to apply for training as airplane pilots, according to information received today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco.

War Department regulations provide that 20 per cent of the number of tactical pilots in the Army Air Corps may be enlisted men. That quota has not been attained for classes enrolled since the training was made available to enlisted men last August.

Any enlisted man, regardless of the arm or service in which he is serving, who is between the ages of 18 and 22 years inclusive, and who has been graduated from an accredited high school, with not less than one and one-half units of credit in mathematics, and whose credits are acceptable to accredited higher institutions may apply for the traning. To be accepted he must be an unmarried male citizen of the United States.

Upon receiving the appointment the soldier agrees to reenlist for three years upon completion of the training and to remain unmarried during his first enlistment. In the case of minors, applications for pilot training must have the approval of the parents or guardian of the soldier.

During the training, which requires aproximately eight months, the Government will pay the premium on a $10,000 government life insurance policy which the soldier may carry after completion of his training.

When the soldier has "won his wings" he will become a Staff Sergeant Pilot, Air Corps ,with minimum pay of $108 per month while on flight duty. In addition, an enlisted pilot will be enlisted to cloting, subsistence and quarters or allowance in lieu thereof normal to his grade in the Army.

EMBARKATION PORT

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dreds of wooden and concrete piles, from 30 to 75 feet long, have been driven for building foundations.

Completion of this project will greatly relieve the load now carried by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and General Depot at Fort Mason, where limited warehousing and docking facilities have been available.

AT THE TOWER ENTRANCE TO CHAPEL



Right to left: Miss Margaret H. Lower, Brig. Gen. Carl R. Darnell, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Maj. Gen. Merritt W. Ireland, Mr. Patrick J. Hurley, White House Aide to Mrs. Hoover; Mrs. Patrick J. Hurley.

Father: I want you to stop running around with that wild woman.

Son: She isn't wild, dad. Anybody can pet her.

Contractor: "The auto is the ruin of the young men of this country."

Engineer: "Well, most young men don't do an auto any good either."

—The Borrow Pit

"I thought you could keep a secret."

"Well, I kept it for a week. Do you think I'm a cold storage plant."

Troy Times Record.

"Little boy, do both of your dogs have licenses?"

"Yes, sir! They're just covered with them."

BUSTLE: A deceitful seatful.

Whats a chiropractor?

A guy who gets paid for what I get slapped for.

Many a man has burned his fingers cooking up excuses for his wife.

Then there was the Scotchman who passed a general store and saw the sign: "Families Supplied"... so he went in and ordered a wife and two children.

KEEP ON— KEEPING ON

Say you're broke and busted,
You're tired and disgusted,
And everything seems out of gear;
And the friends that you had
All declare that you're mad,
And say that you're nutty and queer.

As you struggle and scheme
In unfolding your dream,
The dream you've put all your heart in,
If you set your own pace
With a smile on your face
And keep on, keeping on, you'll win.

And if business is bad
Don't look gum or feel sad,
Or knock the condition of trade;
Ten to one you will find
By adjusting your mind
And your efforts, and better the grade

You will profit far more
Than the grouch that you once had been.
So keep smiling away,
And improving each day,
And keep on, keeping on, and you'll win.

Every failure in life,
Every struggle and strife
That comes to you, average man,
Is caused by your shifting
And heedlessly drifting
Far off from your God-given plan;

For the dreams of your youth
Are all founded on truth,
And if kept from pollution of sin
Will start your thought right
For life's strenuous fight,
So keep on, keeping on, and you'll win.

PICTURE THAT

Take it from a seasoned soldier, it isn't advisable to send the girl friend **unusual** snapshots of yourself if you are in the Army.

A Fort Scott private recently mailed home a picture of himself wearing a training gas mask, one of those elongated, monstrous face-coverings designed for protection against gas attack.

After a few days, he received an answer from the girl friends which left the private blushing. Her letter said, 'I received the picture you sent and I must say you've changed a lot since you've been in the Army. Now you're much better looking!"

THE QUAIL, THE CAT, AND— THE COLONEL

(Mathematics vs. Sentimentality)

One of the novelties of Letterman General Hospital is the covey of California quail that daily disport themselves in the pavillion where all except bed patients can see. One of the new nurses was interrogated as to whether she had seen the beautiful birds. "What, are those quail?" she asked, "I have never seen a quail before." "She must have been raised in darkest Chicago," said a friend. There are some patients who, on seeing the quail, make a gun-to-the shoulder gesture, indicating a desire to bag the limit. Of course, the gesture does not indicate a willingness to shoot quail on the ground. No sportsman would do that.

Then there was the fat lady who, when she saw the quail, blubbered a little and wished to caress the little creatures. Her efforts were not appreciated. The birds "quailed" at such a thought. Ever hear of the mother elephant who, on seeing a covey of small quail, inquired, "Where is your mother my darlings?" When she learned that they had no mother to huddle over them she cried out, "Then I will mother you," and she sat down to huddle them under her with disastrous results to the birds.

California birds are not the same as Bob Whites. These quail have a top-not similar to that of the turkey. In fact they seem to be small turkeys. (You have heard of Turkey cigarettes). Gene Tunney no doubt has a theory accounting for this stunted growth. Have you read his new version of "Tobacco Road?" Well, it leads down hill, he says.

But to return to the quail. Danger is lurking near! Did you see that old cat? There were eighteen quail one day—only seventeen the next. The cat had a lump in his side (lower middle side, incidentally). "What about the culprit," said a Lieutenant (Captain now): "Cats are O. K. I have three of them. I like cats. All that is needed is a bell on the cat. Just before a cat springs he shakes and quivers, the bell tolls and the birds fly. Cats are not bad."

Said the Colonel, "Cats are terrible! I piously shoot any cat I can get a chance at. Cats destroy birds; birds destroy bugs; bugs destroy the crops on which man must depend and live. Every cat is a nuisance—costing humanity $1,500 (I think that was the figure). Cats should be exterminated! We need an all-out war on cats, yes, even Persians!

Beautiful quail—beautiful cats—beautiful vegetables. Which shall it be? Simple—exterminate the cats and we have two beauties left. Or eliminate the birds and all that is left is the cat! Cats are poor eating anyway.

WAR COMES

(Continued from page one)

For the second time within their life span several of our patients find themselves soldiers of an army defending a nation at war. Out of their experiences they were able to inject a calming influence into their immediate associates and before long all were taking it like true veterans.

Life at Letterman has resumed the even tenor of its way. Active hostilities will increase our field of service and the personnel of the hospital is prepared to go all out for victory.

Bids Invited for Supplies of Army

Bids for supplying oats, hay, alfalfa and other forage items for Army estalishments in the Ninth Corps Area during the fiscal year third quarter (January, Feruary, March, 1942) will be accepted until 10:00 a. m. (PST) Thursday, December 18, by Colonel F .J. Riley, Quartermaster Supply Officer, San Francisco General Depot, Fort Mason, California.

Deliveries are to be f. o. b. Presidio of San Francisco; Camp San Luis Obispo; Fort Ord; Stanford University; Fort Baker, for Fort Winfield Scot; Western Remount Area Stables, 20th avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo, California; and Camp Locket ,California. Greatest quantities will go to Camp Lockett and the second largest to San Luis Obispo.

Total quantities required for distribution among these seven camps is 1151 tons U. S. no. 2 Oats, 1332 tons feeding hay, 5 tons wheat bran, 11 tons rock salt, 633 tons U. S. No. 2 afalfa, 8 tons linseed meal and 819 tons U. S. No. 2 wheat straw or equivalent for bedding. These quantities are in addition to the forage items for which bids are being accepted at Fort Mason until December 15 for export requirements.

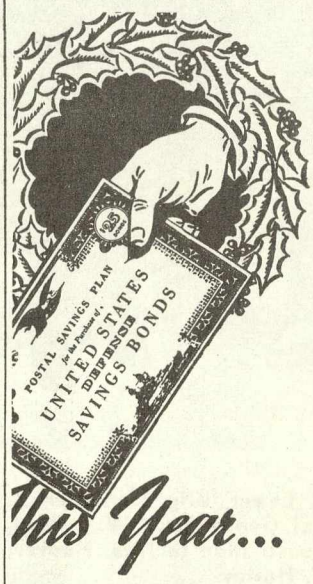
A girl's figure is her fortune providing it draws interest.

—The Driller

Contributions to USO Gratifying

Contributions totalling $12,692,433 had been received by the USO up to November 19, and nearly $2,000,000 is in prospect in the form of $820,610 of pledges by local committees and $1,113,773 expected from fall campaigns held in conjunction with Community Chest drives in 84 scattered cities and towns. This will bring to $14,626,817 the total amount available for national operations during the fourteen months between last April 1 and May 31, 1942.

Expenditures to date, according to Harper Sibley, president of USO, have amounted to $5,397,466, including $3,565,402 appropriated for the six member agencies. Appropriations of $1,539,703 have been authorized for other organizations engaged in service and entertainment activities among soldiers and sailors, including Camp Shows, Inc., the Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy, the National Defense Book Campaign, and the New York Soldiers and Sailors Club. The expenses of the national fund raising campaign were less than four per cent of the national total raised.





Give the gift that signifies America is not to be caught napping.

DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

When in the silence of the night,
When darkness hugs the world so tight,
When all is hushed and quiet with sleep
And haunting memories 'round me creep;
When I can spend that hour alone
And find the man I've never known;
When I can meet him face to face
And there commune with me apace;

When I can take myself in hand
And measure up just where I stand;
When I can gaze into my heart
And see my worth upon life's chart;
When I can look back o'er the road
And count the times I've shirked my load,
And estimate the hours I've spent
On things that were not permanent;

When I can realize the crime
Of spending worthlessly my time;
When I can call things by the name
I ought to, and accept the blame;
When I can place where it belongs
The reason for my countless wrongs;
When I can pile in one great heap
My faults, the harvest I shall reap,

Then knowing what I am, can say,
"From this time onward, from today,
I'll work, and serve and will to win
To mould a better man within."
Wo, when I turn the searchlight on
My faults behold, all will be gone,
And there shall stand revealed to me
The Man God meant that I should be.

PICNIC: An occasion for getting better acquainted with ants, bugs, worms, mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks and poison ivy.

Said one tonsil to the other: "Move over, Capistrano; here comes another swallow."

A smart man is one who hasn't let any woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

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Christmas Greetings

To a war torn world in this Christmas season it would be mere idle phrasing to speak of Peace as we knew it in other years.

Our Nation is at war and it is our aim to carry on that war as effectively as possible in order to bring about Peace with Victory at the earliest moment.

To the patients and personnel of the command on this Christmastide I express the wish that Peace may reign in your hearts. A Peace derived from the certain knowledge that each of us is doing his part for our beloved Country.

WALLACE DE WITT,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

Christmas To Be Celebrated Here As of Yore

In so far as is possible under existing circumstances the program for the celebration of Christmas will be carried on as in former years.

On Christmas eve, Wednesday, December 24, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Recreation Center there will be a Tree Party for the children of the command. Santa Claus will be there in person with a gift for every tiny tot and a short program will precede the distribution of the gifts.

The committee in charge, under the leadership of Mrs. Wallace DeWitt, has given much time to the necessary preparations for the party. Chaplain Harry A. Shuder has cooperated with the committee and will be the master of ceremonies for the occasion.

On Christmas morning, December 25, the religious observance of the day will begin with Mass in the Post Chapel at six o'clock and another Mass will be celebrated at eight o'clock. At the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio there will be Mass at nine o'clock followed by Benediction.

Dinner for the patients and personnel of the command will be served at noon with the following menu:

MENU

Oyster Soup Crackers
Roast Turkey
Chestnut Dressing Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Celery Hearts Ripe Olives
Sweet Mix Pickles
Mashed Potatoes Corn On Cob
Mince Pie Fruit Cake
Cider
Bread Butter Nuts Candy
Cigars Cigarettes

LETTERMAN MESS IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF HOSPITAL

An aged woman, on seeing the ocean for the first time, knelt down and thanked God that at last she had seen something of which there was enough! Had she seen the quantities of food consumed by the soldiers and patients here at Letterman she would have been really thankful.

The business of feeding an army is a business. But it is more than that —it is a profession. Good cooking is also an art. Heroclitus of old used to invite his guests into his kitchen, for, said he—"Here reside the Gods." A good mess is fundamental in morale if not indeed basic in religion.

The Letterman mess is not only a thing of routine, it is the personal pride and interest of General Wallace DeWitt. When men eat at Letterman it is as though they were guests of the General, for he has personally supervised it with all the care of a careful host in providing for his honored guests.

The Dietetic Department is the only department of the hospital that directly influences three times per day the well being of every patient and generally every enlisted man on duty. Good food means morale—it is vital to therapy. The mess receives and dispenses more funds than all the other departments of the hospital taken collectively.

At Letterman the department has been through a continuous process of improvements brought about by succeeding Commanding Generals and mess Officers. Originally a mess was just a "mess." Today the term mess is merely historic. Certainly the handling of the food, its preparation, and its service, would qualify in etiquette according to the standards of an Emily Post!

Every effort has been made to keep the mess abreast of the times. Today Letterman General Hospital has what is perhaps the most modern streamlined mess in the United States. Its personnel of approximately 300 persons is responsible for preparing and serving 7500 meals daily. In the organization chart there were 50 squares indicating as many special functions or parts in the administrative set-up. Of course, the Commanding General is officially the head. General DeWitt is more than a Commanding Officer, he is its leader as well as its Commander! Under the General are the Mess Officer, Lt. Sawyer, an assistant Mess Officer, Lt. Deil, a very capable Mess Sergeant in charge of supply status of the mess, on the one hand, and a very capable head dietitian on the other who supervises every morsel of food served to the patients or personnel. The system is the result of long experience and is well tested and thoroughly efficient.



LIEUT. LESTER J. SAWYER, M. C., Mess Officer, dictating to his secretary, Mrs. Sally Jo Cullen.

The Mess Department is in reality not one but four messes: (1) The East Hospital Mess. This mess is an example of the most modern stainless steel mess on the Pacific Coast. (The term "greasy spoon" cannot attach here). (2) The School Officers Mess. (3) The General Mess, and (4) The Patient Officers Mess.

Each of these messes is a separate unit, each has a separate butcher shop unit supplied by a central store room. There is also a central bakery which has recently been equipped with most modern machinery and does all the hospital baking with the exception of the bread which is supplied by the Q. M. Department.

The Letterman Mess employes 200 civilians and 43 soldiers. Most of the civilians are selected under Civil Service and are of the best. There are 69 civilian male employes, 60 female employes. Their specialties are scattered from dietitians, office workers, cooks, butchers, bakers, to mess attendants. The soldier personnel is also highly selected as regards ability, experience and general fitness, cleanliness, etc. All civilians must stand a rigid inspection once each month. The laboratory conducts a complete check-up on each person. Soldiers are also rigidly tested each 30 days. Colonel Dart has charge of the inspections.

Not only is the personnel inspected, the food also is rigidly inspected and given a quadruple check before it is used. The modern Q. M. Corps test every bit of food microscopically and chemically. Before our mess receives the food material the Q. M. offices have checked every bit of it. The eggs are candled, the meat is also checked again here at Letterman. A Veterinary Corps man is assigned here at Letterman. The person who does this is Private Fontaine, who has had 20 years experience in this testing of meat and he is "Specialist First Class."

That we may have something of a picture of the food consumption records, the following figures are suggested:

125,000 half pints of milk are consumed per month.

44,000 pounds of meat per month is used. A beef carcass averages 800 pounds and this means that each month 55 large steers walk into the stomachs of the patients and personnel of Letterman!

11,372 pounds of fowl fly into the same place. What stomachs we do have.

Two truckloads of milk per day.

One truck load of eggs per week.

One truck load of vegetables per day.

One truck load of meat per day.

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Chief Chaplain To Hold Rank of Brigadier General

On Tuesday of this week press dispatches from Washington announced the appointment of Colonel William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, to be a Brigadier General in the Army of the United States. Chaplain Arnold is a native of Ohio and was appointed to the Army from the District of Columbia in 1913. He moved up through all grades and became a Colonel on April 29, 1939.

He has served two tours of duty in the Philippine Islands, a tour of duty at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, a tour at Fort Bliss, Texas, and was twice assigned to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Chaplain Arnold was appointed Chief of Chaplains on December 23, 1937, and is still serving in that post. He is the first Chief of Chaplains to hold general officer rank.

NURSE'S MEMORY HONORED BY ARMY

The memories of many heroic soldiers have been honored in our Army. Camp and buildings have been named for those men who gave their all and now a woman has been honored.

The recreation or day room of Company C, Fort Dix, New Jersey, Reception Center, has been dedicated to the memory of the late First Lieutenant Margaret M. Wilsey, one-time chief nurse of the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Wilsey hadn't been an active Army nurse since her honorable discharge at the close of the First World War, but her heart and interests remained with out soldiers.

At her recent death she was vice-president of the Morristown, New Jersey, Business and Professional Women's Society and head of a project to furnish the recreation room at Fort Dix. After her death other club members carried on and in the hall hangs a plaque dedicated to her memory.

For his studies of nebulae, Prof. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, was awarded the Pope Pius XI Prize of 50,000 lire (about $2,500). At the session of the Pontifical Academy of Science at which the award was announced Pope Pius XII declared, "In the hands of man science can transform itself into a two-edged sword which heals and kills."



WILLIAM RICHARD ARNOLD
Brigadier General Army of the United States
CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

ARMY BOMBARDIER, NAVIGATOR REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGED

The combining of the Army Air Corps bombardier and navigator specialized training courses, and the lowering of educational requirements for appointment of aviation cadets to this type of training were announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Previously, bombardiers and navigators have been trained separately, and two years' college work or its equivalent was the minimum educational requirement. Under the new ruling, the minimum educational requirement for the combined training is as follows:

Each applicant must be a graduate of an accredited high school and further exhibit his mental qualifications by passing the following tests: (1) general classification test; (2) physical test; and (3) general mechanical aptitude test.

The qualifying mental examination will be given by Aviation Cadet Examining Boards as often as the number of applications warrant. Students accepted for the bombardier-navigator training will have the status of aviation cadets and will receive the same pay and allowances as those cadets receiving pilot instructions. The entire training program will cover approximaely seven months, and upon satisfactory completion the graduates will be eligible for appointment as second lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve with a rating of aircraft observer.

The course is designed to qualify the cadet as a navigator-bombardier officer member of an air force combat team.

Applicants for this type of training must be of sound physique, unmarried, between the ages of 20 and 26, inclusive, and must have been citizens of the United States for not less than ten years. Applications should be submitted in triplicate to the Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area. Three letters of recommendation, birth certificate, and an official transcript of high school or college work, if any, should accompany each application.

Army's Oldest Chaplain Lives In Caifornia

Chaplain William F. Hubbard, U. S. Army, retired, passed his 96th birthday on December 17, 1941.

In the second year of the war between the states Chaplain Hubbard enlisted in the Union Army as a private, Company D, New York Volunteer Infantry. He was slightly wounded in the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, and he was severely wounded in the right arm and right hip in the Battle of Gettysburg. He was discharged from the Army in 1864.

On his return to his home in Syracuse he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He later decided to enter the ministry and he enrolled at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1872 and his Masters Degree in 1875. In 1877 he was ordained a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church. President Grover Cleveland appointed him Post Chaplain in the Army in 1887.

Chaplain Hubbard's first post was Fort Buford, Dakota Territory. Bismarck was the nearest rail point. From there he went by boat to his new station which was reached after a cruise of eleven days. He served five years at that post and was then assigned to Fort Walla Walla, Washington, where he served a tour of four years before being placed on the retired list for physical disability in line of duty.

Since 1899 he has made his home in Southern California and now resides at Van Nuys. On July 1, 1933, the anniversary of the day that his regiment had marched onto what was fast becoming the bloody field of Gettysburg, Chaplain Hubbard received a package from the War Department. It contained the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

Victims of war neuroses who do not respond to insulin treatments are being successfully treated by being put to sleep 20 hours each day for from five to 10 days, reports Dr. Robert Dick Gillespie, noted British psychiatrist now in this country. Sleep is induced by various barbiturate drugs, but the schedule can be arranged so that the patient is always awake at meal times.

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EDITORIAL

UNITED WE STAND

Today we are at war with Japan and her allies. From now on we have but one task and that is to protect and preserve our nation and its people and to do so as effectively and as quickly as possible.

We hope this war, which neither the American nor the Japanese, Italian or German people wanted, may be restricted and closed unexpectedly as it was opened unexpectedly.

In the undivided support which every American gives his Government and its President there will be no reason for hysteria, no occasion for hate. Our Country has been attacked; it will be defended, not by talk but by deeds.

And America will come forth victorious because she is right.

MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done
I want to go out with head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect,
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf,
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.
I never can fool myself, and so
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Observer took a walk along the corridors to see what he might pick up for the column after a two week absence from its regular spot on this page.

He thought he would run over to B-1 to have a chat with **Stan Ford** or **Dick Dennie** about what was cooking in the vicinity but **Don Miller** and **Ed Gill** casually mentioned the recent departure of **Ford** and **Dennie** and no news. It was sort of quiet on the ward. Then the Observer strolled to C-1 and reckoned **Bill Kovanda** or **Frank Brogan** or **Joe Vigil** might have a yarn. No soap: **John Corcoran** said all was quiet—and that's all. Over on D-1 the smile of **Ed Ellis** was expected to light up his immediate surroundings but **Ed** was no longer there. The Observer sought **Snyder** or **Ferkul**—gone too. **Joe Booth** was doing his bit to carry on. Not much success on E-1 and over to F-1 for a chat with **Charlie Rozak.** From his vantage point in bed he always nkew the latest of the rumors; somehow they percolated down to him at the end of the line. But **Charlie** had moved also and now gets his mail at Denver.

The Observer next swung over to the Medical side for a word with **Wes Gross,** who remarked about the Sabbath stillness prevailing, whole on N-1. **John McIntyre** was ready to tell about the last war and his intimate knowledge of events of 1917-1918. **Billie Reindl** answered "present" but reserved comment on the situation.

Many familiar faces and grins were missing all along the line but the Observer hopes that all of the old gang in their new surroundings will remember that those who stayed will remember them during the coming Christmas season with the best of good wishes.

New Chaplain Assigned Here

Orders have been received from the War Department assigning Chaplain James G. De La Vergne to station at Letterman General Hospital.

Chaplain De La Vergne had been a patient here but was recently transferred to Beaumont General Hospital. The date of reporting for duty is unknown at this time.



Congratulations are in order to Misses Pearl Nichols, Vera Logan, Florence Jacobsen, Orah Stephenson, and Mary Steppan, on their promotion to Chief Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps.

Some of the nurses who were on leave of absence when the enemy paid his unexpected call at Pearl Harbor were obliged to curtail their leave and return to duty. Miss Mary Cuppy hurried back from Oklahoma, Miss Sara Brogan and Miss Josie Self took a fast train from New Jersey, while Miss Sabina Schmidt hastened from the tall corn state of Iowa.

Misses Mary Cuppy, Marian Collins, Frances Wagner and Lucille Chase are enjoying—we hope—a round trip to Denver while Misses Mary E. Short and Nellie E. Frees are spending their time on a similar trip to El Paso.

Gas masks make an attractive addition to the uniform when worn outside of the blue sweaters.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Anna M. Scott

Mrs. Anna M. Scott, the mother of Mrs. A. B. McKie, died in Denver on December 12, 1941, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident two days prior to her death.

Mrs. Scott had been active in civic and charitable affairs for almost a half century and was well known throughout the state. For the past fourteen years she was President of the Board of Directors of the Old Ladies' Relief Society which managed a very large home for the aged. In her eighty fifth year at the time of her death, Mrs. Scott never slackened her pace and was enroute to a business meeting of the Board at the time of the accident which resulted in her death.

The sympathy of the command is extended to Mrs. McKie in the loss of her mother.

Aunt (at home party)—What's the matter, Willie?

Willie (indignantly)—There's one cake short, and they made me have it!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Alcazar Hero

Of all the tales of heroism that came out of the Spanish Civil War, a plaque on the ruins of the Alcazar commemorates one of the most moving.

The Loyalists were beseiging the almost hopeless Nationalists, who were commanded by Colonel Moscardo. The Loyalists captured Luis, the sixteen year old son of the Commander. Then there occurred the following telephone conversation, preserved in a bronze plaque, containing also a photograph of the slain sixteen year old hero, Luis:

"Colonel Moscardo, we hold you responsible for the continuation of the siege. If you have not surrendered within ten minutes, your son, Luis, who is in our hands, will be shot."

"I believe you."

"As a proof that he is here, we are turning over the telephone to him."

"Hello, father."

"What is it, my son?"

"Nothing. It is just that they say they will shoot me unless you surrender the Alcazar."

"Then, my son, make yourself ready for death."

"A big kiss to you, father."

"A kiss to you, my son."

The world will and does acclaim the heroism of that father and son.

Ninety-one pounds of weight is saved in each 14-cylinder, 1,700 horsepower airplane motor by substituting magnesium for aluminum in nose coverings, supercharger housings and smaller fittings. On a 4-motor bomber this amounts to a saving in weight equal to that of two crew members.

Letterman Has the First Blackout Baby—A Girl

On Friday evening of last week when the city and surrounding territory were all enveloped in stygian darkness—"black out" to you—the stork flew undismayed and alighted at the Maternity Ward to deliver Sarah Goss, waybilled to the quarters of Lieutenant and Mrs. Edmund R. Goss. of Hamilton Field.

The air raid warning had sounded at seven twenty o'clock that evening and immediately the staff at the hospital carried out all standing orders for such a contingency. All was quiet on all fronts and the regular obstetricians—caught elsewhere at the moment — remained as and where they were.

At 9:06 o'clock that evening—still very much black out predominating —when nature's siren announced the advent of Sarah it was Captain Joseph S. McGuinness who supervised the details incidental to her arrival.

Captain McGuinness is Chief of Clean Surgery Section in normal times but this emergency disclosed he had not forgotten any of his training in obstetrics. His experience in civil life has well fitted him to cope with the unusual at any hour, day or night. in daylight or darkness. For four years he was on the staff of the Emergency Hospitals of San Francisco and there is no limit to the variety of the calls answered by the doctors on that service. Then for two years he was in charge of the hospital on Treasure Island during the Fair and everything from aching feet to major accidents became the routine of the day.

Delivering a baby in a "black out" was all part of the day's—of the night's—work to Captain McGuinness.

OMIGOSH! DENT FORGETS HIS TOOTH BRUSH

In the rush to take over the new position somewhere in the southeast quadrant of Letterman Reservation, Major Manning forgot a valuable part of his professional equipment. At the command "right brush" the Major broke down and confessed that he had forgotten his tooth brush. It is, therefore, necessary to add to the list of professional iniquities of the dental profession.



CAPTAIN JOSEPH S. McGUINESS, M. C., Chief of Clean Surgery Section.

ARMY CONSTRUCTION ON 24-HOUR DAY

Colonel E. M. George, Ninth Zone Constructing Quartermaster, announced in San Francisco today that has office, which has supervision over Army construction amounting to some 118 million dollars, is now operating on a 24-hour basis. Around the clock the Army is redoubling the speed of its defense building program, Colonel George said.

While many projects were already ahead of schedule before the outbreak of hostilities, construction schedules throughout the Ninth Zone are being revised in order to rush vital defenses to final completion.

Authorizations from The Quartermaster General are coming in to put construction of troop facilities, ordnance depots, ports of embarkation and motor repair shops on 24-hour schedules. Meanwhile a survey by the Zone Labor Relations Section has revealed that there is an adequate supply of labor for this accelerated construction.

A further important step to speed the nation's current 3½ billion dollar defense program will be taken shortly with the consolidation of all Army construction under the Corps of Engineers. In personnel alone, this merger involves the same number of persons as might be affected if the United States Steel Corporation should decide to combine with the Bell Telephone System.

In grouping all Army construction under a single agency, architects, contractors and engineers will be able to expedite their work, since much authority has been delegated to the 11 Divisional and 51 District Engineer offices located in all parts of the country. This decentralized field organization is, in its way, as much a process of streamlining as has been the organization of hard-hitting Triangular Divisions.

Preachers have "bad" sons; teachers' children refuse education; doctors' families cannot cure themselves, and dentists forget their toothbrushes. Oh my, what a world. "Consistency, oh thou jewel!"

This Week in Army History

December 21, 1866—Troops commanded by Lt. Colonel Fetterman massacred by Sioux Indians near Big Horn, Wyoming.

December 22, 1620 — Forefather's Day. Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

December 23, 1780—John Laurens selected to present the needs of the Continental Army to the French Government and to secure a loan.

December 23, 1783—General Washington resigns his Commission at the State House at Annapolis, Maryland, and retires to his home at Mt. Vernon, Virginia.

December 23, 1817—Major Bankhead raises the American flag over Fort Fernandino, Florida, and takes possession of Amelia Island, Florida.

December 23, 1907 — The Army Signal Corps issues specifications and calls for bids for an airplane that will carry two passengers, fly for one hour, and make 40 miles per hour.

December 24, 1811 — Bounty of $16.00 with three months extra pay at time of discharge and 160 acres of land, offered to men who enlist in Army.

December 25, 1804—The Lewis & Clark Expedition hoists the first American flag over the completed Fort Mandan, (Bismarck, North Dakota.) A flag is also presented to the Indian Chief who took great pride in having it raised in his village.

December 25, 1837—General Zachary Taylor (later President) defeats the Seminole Indians at Okeechobee Swamp, Florida.

December 25, 1837—Fort Christmas, Florida, established as a temporary fort during the Indian War.

December 25, 1868 — President Johnson gives final amnesty to all concerned in the War Between The States, including Jefferson Davis.

December 26, 1776—Washington crosses the Delaware River and defeats the Hessians and British at Trenton, New Jersey.

December 27, 1935 — Five Army airplanes score hits on Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii, to halt a lava flow threatening the City of Hilo. Twenty 600-pound bombs are dropped and the experiment is declared successful.

Wooden Indians in front of cigar stores did not originate in America. As early as the reign of James I the wooden Indian was a familiar sight in England.

Capable Hospital Mess Assistant



STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM C. MUHIC, Assistant to the N.C.O. in charge of the Mess.

Staff Sergeant William C. Muhic was born at Salida, Colorado, went to school at Pueblo and enlisted in the Army at Denver, in 1933. He served his first enlistment of three years at Fitzsimons General Hospital. In 1936 he re-enlisted for Letterman General Hospital and has been here since that time. He became a Corporal in 1937, Sergeant in 1939, and Staff Sergeant in 1940. He was married in 1940 to Miss Frances Schramar, a native of San Francisco. They have one child, William Junior, who is now fourteen months old.

Sergeant Muhic is assistant to Master Sergeant Thomas Ward, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the hospital mess.

Delayed Deadline

In the Army, as elsewhere, newspaper editors take pride in meeting their announced deadline. The many news sheets published in Army camps and posts usually adhere to that tradition of promptness in serving their soldier-readers.

Up in Michigan, however, the Selfridge Field News last week came out a few days late. On page one of the over due issue a little box carried an apology and an explanation—the editor was occupied with other duties—Kitchen Police.

In one airplane plant special vacuum hose is used to suck up loose bolts, nuts or shavings that may be in the hulls of bombers after their completion.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

All the enlisted men of the school detachment who went on detached service on December 6, 1941, have reported back to duty without any delay enroute back. Those from the school were: Staff Sergeant William L. Walker, chief assistant instructor of the dental school; Sergeant Herman R. Knoller, chief charge of quarters; Sergeant LeRoy R. Sixberry, clerk at school headquarters; Sergeant Walter Sambur, assistant instructor of the laboratory school; and Private First Class Delmar E. Carlson, assistant instructor of the surgical school.

Major George C. Shivers, instructor of the surgical school, has been handed the added responsibilities of directing the functions of the schools while Lieutenant Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, assistant commandant of the schools, is away on detached service.

Privates First Class Richard Marron and Darrell E. Baines, and Privates Ralph S. Alexander and Lester W. Clark, students at these schools but lately confined to the hospital, were transferred to the William Beaumont General Hospital, at El Paso, Texas, for further treatment and observation.

During the early part of this week, Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, assistant instructor of the surgical school, and Sergeant Frederick L. Essen, assistant instructor of the medical school, were in charge of twenty-two medical and surgical students, who will assist them take patients to William Beaumont General Hospital. It will be a great experience for the students and this is the first time that they have used students to care for patients while the sick were being sent for further treatment.

1st Lt. Rex P. Clayton, instructor of the pharmacy school, in addition to his other duties will act in the capacity of assistant detachment commander, of these schools. He relieved Captain Donald E. Casad, instructor of the medical school.

According to the latest reports, and of very authentic source, school will resume to function as ever, and rumors going around about closing it are still rumors. The Army needs Medical Department technicians and we are here to see that it gets them!!

Q. M. NEWS

Staff Sergeant K. Bedayan has been detailed as First Sergeant of the Q. M. Detachment in place of Sergeant J. O. Brown who is now Assistant Chief Clerk.

A pat on the back for Corporal Craig, Pvt. Fcl. Passarelli, Pvt. Bearse, Pvt. Hughes and Pvt. Carasa for excellent work in driving ambulances this past week. Pvt. Wojciechowski states he would be more than happy to offer his services as a driver, but he didn't know how to drive.

It seems Lieutenant Brice put a cherry pie in the commissary ice box Saturday morning and when Monday morning came around he decided to have a piece. Upon a complete search the pie could not be found. Could it be that the Commissary Orphans became panicky due to the Jap invasion, and were afraid of a food shortage?

Pvt. 1cl George L. Moran returned from a very brief but interesting visit to Chicago December 14th. Do not feel too bad, George, perhaps sometime in the future you will get another chance for a longer furlough.

Why was it that Sgt. Bob Harris lost a close decision December 8 in the light-heavy Service Men's class of the Golden Gloves tournament at Civic Auditorium? It surely couldn't be blamed on Pvt. Albert J. Giovannetti—Mr. J. J. Eagen, his boss, tells me Al's fistic knowledge is only surpassed by Mr. Blackburne, manager of Champion Joe Louis.

For sale: Telephone numbers, price will be according to type wanted. Apply to E. J. Wojciechowski.

Pvts. Dotseth and Paris have been discharged from the hospital, and returned to duty.

Timber on the University of California experimental tract at Whitaker Forest in Tulare County is increasoing at a rate of 100,000 board feet per year. Sequoia gigantea, yellow pine, white fir, sugar pine, and incense cedar in the forest now contain 6,600,000 board feet.

THE ARMY SEEKS MORE RECRUITS

Recruiting officers in the Ninth Corps Area have sounded a call for an unlimited number of enlistments in the Army of the United States, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the corps area.

Recruiting stations throughout the corps area will remain open daily as many hours as are necessary to receive applications. Some larger stations in larger cities have been placed on a 24-hour schedule.

Enlistments are for the duration of the war, plus six months. Recruiting officers said volunteers may choose the arm or service in which they desire to serve, providing there are vacancies in the arm or service they select.

Recruiting officers also announce that married men will be accepted if their dependents have sufficient means of support and the applicants signs a statement to that effect.

A civilian who has received his preliminary physical examination prior to induction under the Selective Service law, but who has not yet been inducted, may be enlisted providing his Selective Service board is notified by the recruiting office without delay after the enlistment.

Anyone with prior Army service, either enlisted or commissioned, may re-enlist regardless of his present age, if he is able to meet the physical requirements.

General requirements for enlistment, other than for men with prior military service, are as follows: The applicant must be between the ages of 18 and 35 years inclusive, must have at least passed the fourth grade in school, must be in good health and must be a citizen of the United States.

A Tall Order

Recently at the Fort Riley Replacement Training Center, troopers in training were taking turns giving commands. In order to play safe the men were limiting themselves to the simple commands, "Fours right" and "Fours left."

A bit provoked, the Instructor in charge finally ordered: "Give a real command; something involving a large body of men. Everybody understand? All right—next soldier!"

The instructor got his wish. The next man to give orders barked out briskly, "Army and Navy, attention! Marines, parade rest!"

LETTERMAN MESS

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In the matter of eggs 454 cases per month containing each—30 dozen. If those eggs were to be stretched out end to end they would reach over 5.1 miles.

600,000 pounds of potatoes per month are used here. This means that every man here eats twice his weight in potatoes every month! What men we are! Each man has two-thirds pounds of meat each day. 5,400 pounds of butter! No wonder all goes so "smoothly" here at Letterman.

Coffee? Enough coffee to float a battleship. Good coffee too!

When do we eat?

600 men eat at 6:15 a. m. Both of the General Mess halls are used at this time. The East Hospital Mess can seat 612. The main Mess Hall seats 286.

The food goes to the wards at 6:50 a. m. There are 800 men on wards in on this serving. The tray-service is used. The food is prepared in the wards and is piping hot when served.

At 7:00 a. m. between 700 and 800 convalescent patients and the night crew men eat.

The noon mess is from 10:45 to 12:30.

The evening meal is from 3:45 to 5:30.

After the meal the utensils are put through a series of the most improved and modern automatic dish washing machines. No dish is ever touched by human hands! The bacterial count of the dishwater is carefully checked. The dishes are then stored in warming cabinets. No food is ever placed on a cold dish. No "cold plates" are ever served at Letterman!

Charts are kept. Charts that can be read at a glance. Nothing is left for chance. The General and the Mess Officers know each day just what is being served and know the amounts and the variety-monotony is avoided. An adequate diet is assured.

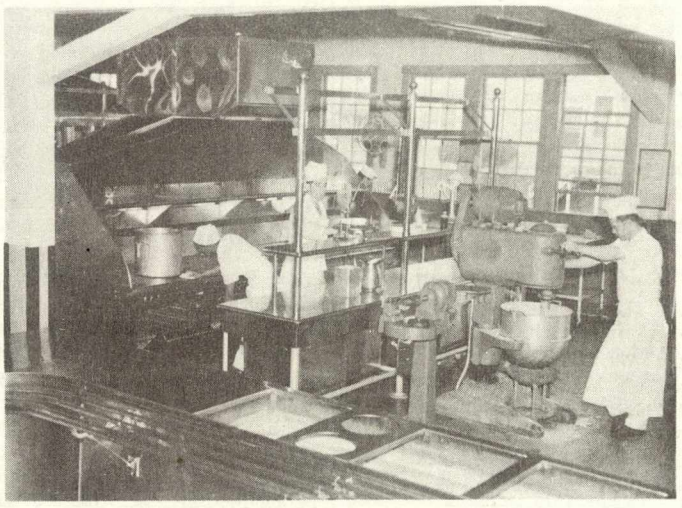
Christmas menu would cause a food panic in us if it were mentioned as a menu at this time. There will be 2300 pounds of turkey! There will be cigars, nuts, candy, fruit. Sergeant Ward, bless him, had the idea years ago to wrap up and give to every patient and to every member of a personnel, a special "goody package" with his Christmas dinner.

There will be cider, fruit cake, 300 mince pies. Someone said, "Never

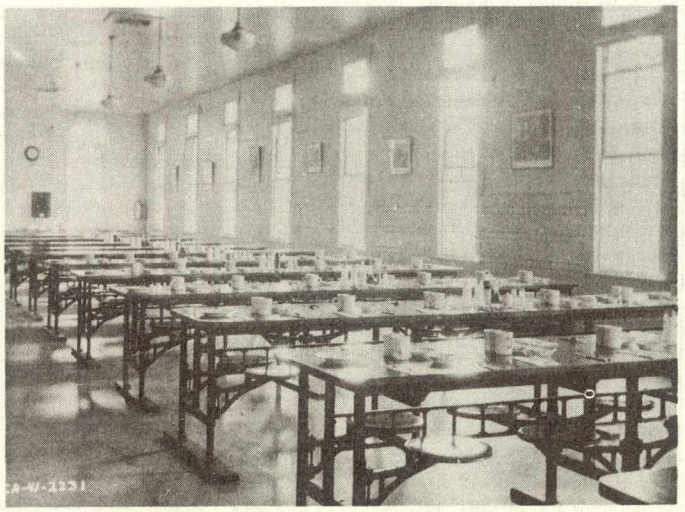
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SERGEANT JAMES R. LEWIS, Chief Baker, in action at his oven.



Partial view of kitchen, East Hospital Mess.



Patients' Mess Hall just before the line formed.

MEDICAL DETACH

A Detachment order has been issued to the effect that one-third of all enlisted personnel of the Detachment Medical Department are required to remain on the Hospital Reservation from 9:00 a. m. one morning to 9:00 a. m. the next morning. The Roster dividing the detachment into three groups has been posted on the Bulletin Board.

During the week nineteen men arrived for duty at Letterman from the training at Camp Grant, Illinois. Just about the only comment the men had upon their arrival was that Letterman is one of the most beautiful spots they had seen. We extend a welcome to these men.

When the order discontinuing all enlisted men's dances was posted, men were heard to remark what they would be doing with all their free time. We do know what they will be doing every third night—if that is any solution to their problem. War IS hell—isn't it?

Amusing To See:

Sgt. Ralph Gustafson spending 50 cents in town for a "Military" haircut so he could get around the order on the "G. I. hair do" only to meet First Sgt. John Barr upon arriving at the post and be told that the "G. I. hair-cut" order pertained to him too. Now guess who is unhappy!

Pvt. William "Wee Willie" Couch rushing over to the Branch P. X. for a hamburger hot off the new grill only to learn it had not been connected yet. "Sech" anticipation, Wee Willie.

Sgt. Bartholomew Guarisco patting himself on the back that he had planned his train connections close enough to wangle a day and a half extra time out of the railroads on his returned trip.

Private George Hargraves deciding that he is "barely about" to become unsuave and uncouth now that "we are in it."

A Bruin Squadron of fifteen aviation cadets is being sought by the United States Navy on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California from among students who are to graduate in January or who are subject to immediate selective service.

CHEER UP

There is nothing so bad that
It cannot be worse;
There is not cloud so dense
The sun cannot disperse;
Oh, the winter is long but
The spring comes at last
With renewal of life; let's
Forget the dark past:
Let the days be all sunshine
And laughter and love.
Cheer up: see through the
Clouds, the sun is above.

There are men who are always
Looking for trouble,
And finding it wonder
Why it comes double;
There are men who say, "Business
Has all gone to H——"
And it has, just for them,
For gloom cannot sell.
Cheer up: Success follows
the man who will smile;
Who makes little of trouble
With business worth while.

Cheer up and be happy,
'Tis a message of cheer,
Cheer up and get busy,
There's nothing to fear;
For trouble is nothing
But thought after all,
So, we may as well think it
Is nothing at all;
Life's just what we make it,
So let's while we're here,
Cheer up: and be happy—
There's nothing to fear.

Yellow Cabs Rate Special Mention

The Yellow Cab Company of San Francisco gave a useful and unusual demonstration of patriotism on Sunday, December 7, when it placed its cabs at the service of military and navy personnel free of charge for all who responded to the broadcast orders to return to ship and station immediately.

The action of the Yellow Cab Company lent speed to the full manning of defenses afloat and ashore and many took advantage of the service who would otherwise have been delayed in complying with the orders.

The drivers of the Yellow Cabs entered into the spirit of the occasion and rendered gracious service to the "dead-head" passengers.

Both the company and its personnel are to be commended for that display of practical patriotism.

AVIATION CADET APPOINTMENTS ARE SPEEDED

The Army has moved to speed up appointments of aviation cadets by authorizing the presidents of the various examining boards to give final approval to applications, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Under this new program, applicants may now submit their applications direct to examining boards, be examined, and enlisted immediately for assignment to a flying school provided they are qualified. The new program eliminates necessity for candidates to wait several weeks for appointment.

Upon enlistment cadets will be sent immediately to an aviation cadet replacement center, an air corps training detachment, or will be given furloughs not to exceed 30 days with orders to report to a designated training center at the expiration of the furlough.

When reporting to an examining board, candidates should have in their possession application blanks in triplicate, three letters of recommendation, birth certificate, and a transcript of educational record. Application blanks may be secured from any Army recruiting officer or Army post.

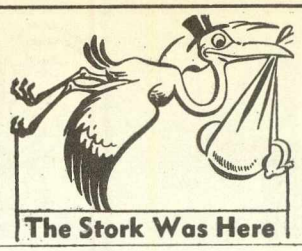
Simultaneously with this announcement examining boards in the Ninth Corps Area received authorization to enlist 1,500 cadets immediately for training at the West Coast Air Corps Training Center with headquarters at Moffett Field, California.

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in history has Letterman Mess been what it is now!" There is a reason. The General and then, too, Lt. Sawyer! Lt. Sawyer came to Letterman about a year ago. He is a graduate from the University of California Medical School. He has had six years experience in nutrition clinics. No wonder Letterman General Hospital is outstanding!

The Mess Service at Letterman owes a special debt of gratitude to General Wallace De Witt for his untiring enthusiasm and efforts to really produce the best mess to be found anywhere in the U. S. Army.



The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. John P. Youngman, Chemical Warfare Service, Fort Mason, California, a daughter Louann Kay, weight 6 lbs. and 4 ounces, born December 11, 1941.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Victor A. Malone, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter Susan Elizabeth, weight 6 lbs. and 15½ ounces, born December 11, 1941.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Edmund R. Goss, 20th Pursuit Group, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter Sarah, weight 6 lbs. and 4½ ounces, born December 13, 1941.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. John E. Slater, Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 56th Coast Artillery, a son John Joseph, weight 8 lbs. and 11 ounces, born December 16, 1941.

Reservists Asked To Await Call

The following announcement was made at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California:

"All members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps and Regular Army Reserve in the Ninth Corps Area should continue their normal pursuits until they receive specific orders to report for duty.

"Some members have left their jobs and reported at the nearest Army post without orders. Such action results in hardship to the individual, inconvenience to his employer, and adds needless confusion to the Army, and should be avoided.

"Changes of address since relief from active duty should be reported promptly to the Commanding General of the Corps Area of permanent residence."

Names scratched in the sandstone rocks on the seacoast near La Jolla may prove to be an aid in measuring the weathering of the cliffs, according to Dr. K. O. Emery, of the University of California Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Goofus—What are you taking for your cold?

Rufus—How much will you offer me for it?

Ready for Blackout Or Anything Else At Letterman

In keeping with the practices adopted by the surrounding military and civilian communities, the personnel of Letterman Hospital has made adequate preparation to meet any emergencies which might arise by reason of the state of war which has been in existence for the past two weeks.

In the event that it becomes necessary to black-out for any reason, the hospital is prepared to carry on its full function in the care and treatment of the sick and wounded. An adequate staff of personnel is on duty 24 hours of the day and all others are within easy call so that a very brief time after an emergency should arise it is possible to have the full professional staff of this hospital at their posts of duty.

Steps have been taken to insure the continuance of the care and comfort of the patients under any condition.

The morale of the patients and the personnel has been high ever since the beginning of hostilities. Each and every one is prepared at all times to do his part.

'Music Hath Charms'

Major Schwarz retired early one evening after a heavy day and turned on the radio. The music lulled him to slumber and at 6:00 a. m. the radio was still going. Wonderful! The Major enjoyed it. To him the radio is a specific soporific. During the World War No. 1, in a hospital, a Scotch soldier was seriously ill. The Chaplain was summoned. A last request was reported. "Would the Commanding Officer be so kind as to order out a Scotch piper to play the bagpipes?" In deference to the very serious illness, last illness in all probability, the request was granted. The result was astonishing! The Bonnie Scot got well—but the one distress was that all the other patients died.

Radio and bagpipes are not unlike. The Scotchman-hospital incident can happen here!

The M-3 tank, now in mass production, is a 28 ton fort on wheels, powered by a 400 horsepower, air-cooled, radial engine. Fighting equipment for its crew of seven includes four .30 caliber machine guns, one .37 m.m. cannon, and one three-inch gun.

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Ninth Corps Area Headquarters Moving To Salt Lake City

One of the changes incidental to a shift from peacetime to war conditions is the removal of headquarters of the Ninth Corps Area to a new local location at Salt Lake City, Utah.

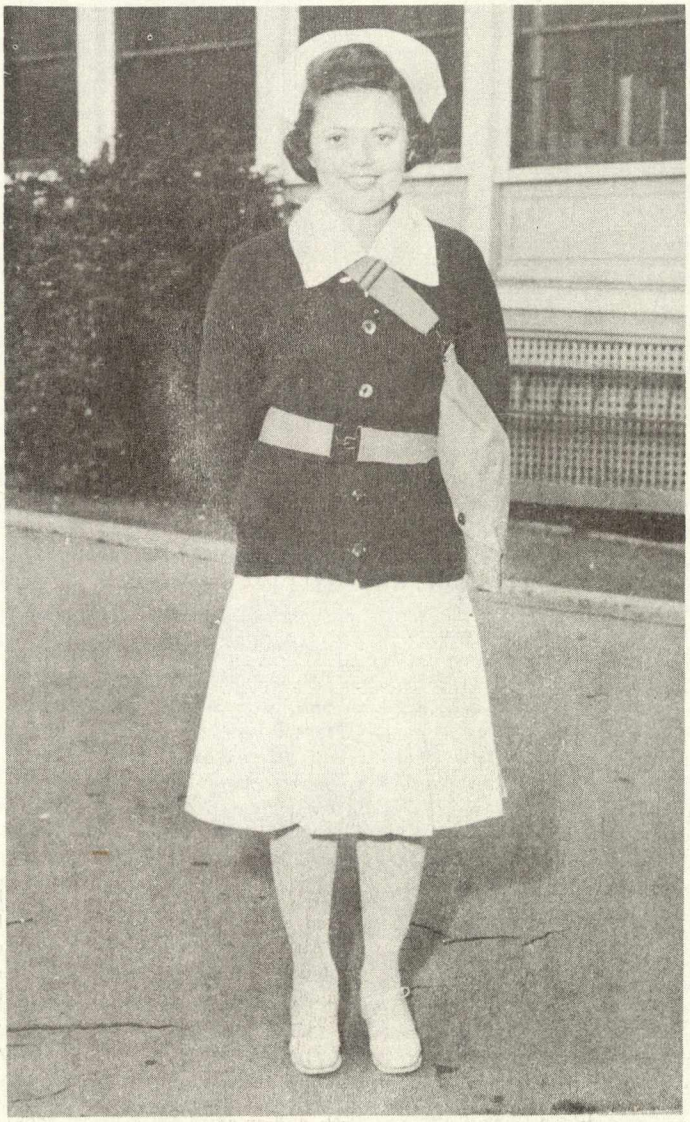
The home of this headquarters for the past twenty years has been at the Presidio of San Francisco but in view of the recent reorganization of the army the Corps Area Command has assumed the control of supplies and communications instead of combat activity and its presence is not required in a potential theater of operations.

Salt Lake City was selected as the headquarters of the Ninth Corps Area mainly because it is the center of a railroad network over which supplies can be readily distributed to the entire coastal frontier.

In the move most of the Corps Area staff including officers, enlisted men and civilian clerical employes, will be moved to the Utah city. Major General Jay L. Benedict, commanding the Ninth Corps Area will move with his command to the new post. The transfer is to take place as soon as an Army Survey Committee headed by Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Conrow completes the plans.

The new Corps Area headquarters will be located in downtown Salt Lake City. There is an old fort on the outskirts of Salt Lake City which is now being used for other purposes and lacks the facilities to absorb the personnel involved in a move of this size. The theater of operations in which the new zone of communications and supply will function includes California, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Ari-

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THE NURSES at Letterman have added gas masks as part of the uniform during the present emergency. The mask is worn as shown over a navy blue coat sewater in cool weather. Second Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar, of Illinois, graciously consented to pose as the model.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

SANTA'S TREE PARTY A GOOD TIME FOR ALL

Old Santa did himself proud on Christmas Eve when he entertained the children of the command at a special tree party where he made his annual appearance in person. With the passing years our chubby friend has acquired a facility for handling the yearly gathering of the tiny tots in a manner which makes them all regret that Christmas comes but once a year.

Up until the moment when Santa broke through the chimney place a gaily decorated tree was the center of attraction for all of the young eyes gathered in the Recreation Center. Under the tree were the gifts intended for the good children of the post and the argus eyed guests maintained a steady watch on the treasure pile.

The program opened with the singing of the traditional carols and then General De Witt spoke a few words of welcome after which Chaplain Harry A. Shuder in his capacity as Master of Ceremonies added a word of greeting. A benevolent grandfather could not have been more deeply interested in the antics of the children than the general was as he went about among the impatient youngsters awaiting the jingle of the bells to announce the arrival of Santa himself.

The committee, headed by Mrs. De Witt, had planned well and not a single thing was left undone to make the party a very gratifying success. The exuberance of the beneficiaries was plainly in evidence on all sides and that was the adequate reward for all who had worked so hard to arrange the program.

Santa has promised to come again

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS AN ACTIVE DEPARTMENT

The importance of Occupational Therapy as part of the treatment received by the patients at Letterman warrants an exposition beyond what most of us know concerning this local activity.

Visitors passing along the corridor connecting the east and west wards often pause to glance through a window to where a glass doored cabinet offers a display of some of the handiwork of the patients. Work turned out under the direction of the Occupational Therapy staff on duty at this hospital.

Perhaps before going into detail as to what is being done through Occupational Therapy it might be well to learn more about the subject itself.

A wag once defined Occupational Therapy as a means for taking the joy out of convalescence by increasing the doses of occupation as the patient improves, but the proponents of the profession prefer to define Occupational Therapy as any activity, definitely prescribed and guided, for the distinct purpose of contributing to and assisting recovery from disease or injury.

The benefits of occupation have been known for a long time and even as early as 200 B. C. the Egyptians made note of its value. In 172 A. D. the Greek philosophers and doctors recognized employment as nature's best physician and essential to human happiness. In America it was first given attention following the Civil War period and used extensively among disabled soldiers in restoring their lands to a productive basis.

Occupational Therapy assumed its present form following World War I and to Canada goes the honor of being the first country to adopt organized Occupational Therapy as a program in the hospital to build up and maintain individual morale. We are told that in 1918 some 30,000 soldiers were given various types of occupational therapy throughout the United States. It was sufficiently recognized during the war to warrant sending 100 therapists overseas.

From this arose the need for special training for Reconstruction Aides, as the therapist was called at that time. Therefore, a school known as the Henry Favill School of Occupations began operations in Chicago. Several other schools were organized in 1918 and are still carrying on. At present there are schools located at St. Louis, Mo.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Boston, Mass.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Philadelphia, Penna.; these accepted by the American Occupational Therapy Association (which was founded in 1917), and recognized by the American Medical Association. New schools opening this fall (1941) are: Mt. Mary College, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ypsilanti State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.; New York University, New York City; and Coulmbia University Extension, New York City.

Applicants for Occupational Therapy training for Occupational Therapist Registered degree are required to have satisfactorily completed a minimum of two years of college. The schools offer a three-year course approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association, and the American Medical Association. Two years are spent in study in the school; the course of study consists of theoretical subjects, anatomy, physiology, neurology, psychiatry, psychology and sociology, orthopedics, medical and surgical conditions, theory of occupational therapy and Stanford-Binet Testing; therapeutic occupations such as leathercraft, design and painting, metal work, pottery, woodcarving, many types of textile weaving, basketry and various other types of crafts. The third year is spent in cinical practice, in hospitals having well established occupational therapy departments. After nine months interneship and one year's work under a Registered Therapist, the graduate becomes eligible for registration.

The Occupational Therapist is limited only by her own ability. No profession during the present generation will offer more individual satisfaction to the person embracing it. It is one profession not overcrowded. Occupational Therapists can be found in all types of hospitals and institutions, such as psychiatric, tuberculosis, orthopedic, cardiac, community workshop, penal feebleminded, blind and deaf, and children; in their divisions of hospitals, clinics, homebound cases, sheltered workshops and schools.

Leather work is not used entirely for the pleasure of the work, or for the beauty of the finished article. But by making the design, carving the block print from linoleum, tooling and lacing, therapeutic value can be obtained in reeducating weak or stiffened muscles and joints of the fingers, wrist, elbow and the shoulders.

Woodcarving is another craft that has many possibilities for the exercise of muscles of the upper extremities. Knotting can also be used with much the same results, with the added feature that by proper adjusting it may be used for corrective posture.

Footlooms are invaluable, not only for foot and arm work, but for general coordination. This craft can be graded from a very simple form to complicated and intricate pattern weaving. This can be accomplished by type of loom, materials used, etc.

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Personnel, Department of Occupational Therapy. Left to right: Frances Hatch, Hazel Donelson, head aide; Major Emmett B. Litteral, M. C., Officer in Charge; Hilda Steinmesch, and Esther Aguada.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

FIVE NEW CHIEF NURSES ARE NAMED IN ORDERS

Five Chief Nurses have been added to the strength of the Army Nurse Corps during the past week with the naming of that number from the staff of our hospital for advancement in grade. They are Misses Helene M. Girodon, Orah D. Stephenson, Pearl G. Nicolls, Florence S. Jacobsen, and Vera S. Logan.

Miss Girodon was born in Douglas, Ariz., but moved in infancy to San Diego. She attended high school in that city and entered the San Diego County General Hospital for her professional training. She had post graduate work in obstetrics, as well as a course in hospital administration, at the Fabiola Hosiptal in Oakland. For eight years she was on the staff of the San Diego County General Hospital as assistant night supervisor and in 1940 she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps. Letterman has been her only station.

Miss Stephenson was born in Blair, Okla., and attended high school in her native village. Her college course was made at the Colorado School of Education at Greeley before taking up training at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Post graduate studies were made in the University of Minnesota. She has been both Medical and Surgical Supervisor at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital, Obstetrical Supervisor at Bethany Hospital in Kansas City, and Medical Supervisor at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco. Miss Stephenson joined the A.N.C. on December 15, 1939, and her promotion to the Chief Nurse came two years later to the date.

Miss Nicolls was born in Canada and attended grade school there. Her high school course was made in Long Beach, Calif., and she trained at the French Hospital in San Francisco with post graduate work at the San Francisco County Hospital. She was appointed to the Army in 1938 and has been at Letterman since that time.

The biographical sketches of Miss Jacobsen and Miss Logan might be put in parallel columns with a series of ditto marks and be quite complete. Miss Jacobsen was born at Lake Atlin in British Columbia, but was raised and went to school in California. Miss Logan was born in Eureka, Calif., and went to school in her native state and in Missouri.

Both of the new chiefs first tried commercial life and after a brief trial took to the nursing profession. They met for the first time on registering for training at the Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland. They became room mates and have followed the trail together ever since that day. During their last six months of training they acted as instructors to the preliminary students in the nursing school. Soon after graduation they were appointed to the supervising staff of the Samuel Merritt Hospital where they remained until called to active duty as Reserve Nurses on December 1, 1940. Both have been appointed Chief Nurses to rank from December 15, 1941.

Orders for assignment to stations for the new Chief Nurses are expected to be published in the near future.



BRIGADIER GENERAL WALLACE DE WITT, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, addressing a few words of congratulations to the newly promoted Chief Nurses. Reading from left to right: General De Witt, 1st Lieut. Pearl G. Nicolls of San Francisco, 1st Lieut. Florence E. Jacobson of Oakland, 1st Lieut. Vera S. Logan of Oakland, 1st. Lieut. Helene M. Girodon of Arizona, and 1st Lieut. Orah D. Stephenson of Oklahoma. The new Chief Nurses will shortly receive orders assigning them to their new stations.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

Letterman Ball Tossers Now Tops

Word has been received from Mr. Maurice Sweeney of the Recreation Department that the team representing Letterman General Hospital has captured the title in Class B in the National Division for the Amateur Baseball League. On its schedule Letterman won five games and tied one. Master Sergeant Thomas C. Ward coached the team and acted as manager with the assistance of Staff Sergeant William C. Muhic. The batting average of the individual players as compiled by the official scorekeeper is given below:

Name	AB.	R.	H.	Avg.
Gaydos, SS	31	13	14	.451
Bedayan, 1B	29	13	13	.447
Shamrock, CF-P	29	15	12	.413
Zorrowick, 3B-P	20	7	8	.400
Bazzani, RF	27	4	10	.370
Muhic, RF	15	3	5	.333
Tayoda, 2B	28	8	9	.321
Fletcher, C	24	4	7	.292
Cain, LF	23	4	5	.217
Takeda, LF	14	3	3	.214
Mills, RF	18	2	4	.211
Nishi, P	14	4	3	.213
Donovan, C-LF	17	5	3	.176

New Hospital Is Named in Honor of General Darnell

The Secretary of War has announced that the hospital leased from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and located at Danville in that state is designated as "DARNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL" in honor of the late Brigadier General Carl Rogers Darnell.

The Commanding Officer of the new hospital is Colonel Sidney L. Chappell, Medical Corps, who was for many years Chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric Service at Letterman Hospital.

Pretty Camp Visitor—Major, did you get that scar during an engagement?

Major—No; the first week of our honeymoon.

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EDITORIAL

RESOLUTIONS

With the approach of the New Year some of us will turn our thoughts to resolutions. Resolutions mainly negative in character of the "I'll never go there anymore" variety. But this year calls for something positive and an excellent resolution would be "I will pull my share of the load."

Years ago on a roadway on the outskirts of that same Honk Kong being so valiantly defended these days we once came upon a heavy road roller in action. It was not propelled by steam nor driven by a new model Diesel engine but drawn by a gang of coolies—men, women, and children—about 50 in number. Each of the coolies had a hand on the ropes attached to the ponderous machine; each of the coolies pulled his share of the load. And the machine moved along to do its job of road rolling.

Today we, as a nation, face the problem of starting to roll on the arduous path ahead of us. The impetus must come from every man, woman, and child in the country. Every one of us must pull his share of the load.

Without exception let it be our collective resolution for this New Year ahead: We will pull our share of the load.

Kjerulf — It was strange that I should dream about my wife as I did last night.

Riscz — What's so strange about that?

Kjerulf—I dreamed I was doing all the talking.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A notice from the Commanding Office, Post of Presidio, to the effect that Provost Marshal had been instructed to enforce the order limiting speed on the post to twenty miles an hour. Some of our post drivers—beware.

The nurses being "shot" and "printed" for the new identification cards. But no talent scout from Hollywood will find anything in those finished photos. The camera can—and does—lie on such photos. Proof—look at ours.

An accident which indicates that some of the fears expressed about the use of zippers are well founded. Further proof on application.

A little pastime in the day room at T-49 where one Lieutenant Colonel of the Dental Corps simply could not guess wrong.

The Post Exchange open until noon on Sundays and all day Saturday. The Grill open until 900 p. m. every night in the year. An added convenience for all.

Barbara White, of the Red Cross Staff, standing a Sunday watch just like the regulars in the army.

The new "rain-in-the-face" caps now in general use by the officers as well as the enlisted men do improve the appearance of some.

Capt. Rate Named For Commission In Regular Army

According to advices received late last week from the Adjutant General, Captain Robert Goodwin Rate has been commissioned in the Regular Army in grade of First Lieutenant from date of appointment.

Captain Rate was born in Iowa City, Iowa, where he attended the University of Iowa and obtained his A.B. and M.D. degrees. He was graduated from the Medical School in 1939 and ordered to extended active duty in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1940.

Capt. Rate was married in 1938 to Miss Marguerite Gelbach, of Ogden.

A N C



Miss **Elizabeth G. Klein**, formerly on our staff and more recently located at Camp San Luis Obispo, has drawn a new assignment that will permit us all to see a little more of her from time to time or maybe it should be between times or some time.

We are pleased to learn that Miss **Joreen Lawson** has recovered from her recent illness and has returned to duty.

The annual Christmas party with the nurses as hostesses to the officers and ladies of the command was held on Saturday evening and very well attended. It will probably be remembered as our first "gasmask" party of the season.

The machine on which these notes are typed plays the funniest tricks on us. F'instance, it always spells Miss **Pearl Nicoll's** name as "Nichols" and she prefers her way of spelling her name even though we could not mistake her for any other like sounding name.

And this machine always refers to Mary Cuppy as just Mary Cuppy whereas since childhood she has been known to all and sundry or every one as **Mary Katherine Cuppy**—and she spells it with a "K."

Who was it that locked the car in the garage with the car keys and the door keys still in the ignition switch?

Who is making what resolution for New Years?

More of the Same Would Help a Lot

Came the mail and the heart of one soldier with the 87th Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif., beat just a bit faster. 'Twas a letter from a Chicago girl friend. As he read it his chest puffed out.

Wrote the girl:

"Sure wish you and the boys were back in town. There are so few regular fellows left. And when I see many of the boys around town I think if the Army doesn't want 'em, neither do I."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1941

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Q. M. NEWS

On Friday, December 19, four men of the detachment were invited to attend a combination play and dance given by the members of the Sierra Club, Rock Climbers Section, at their auditorium on Van Ness avenue. The play was very well produced and as the cast was all male, the female impersonations were played by the Rock Climbers. The men appreciated the invitation which permitted them to be present for the occasion.

Two of our men have a personal score to settle with the Japs one of these days. Sergeant Arthur A. Borselli and Pvt. 1cl George L. Moran were given a full fifteen day furlough and were within a few hours of home when they were ordered back to duty. Like good soldiers they immediately about-faced and proceeded to rejoin their command.

Private Pat Passarelli has just made some extensive changes in his "Ye Olde Cut Rate Clothing Shoppe" located in the Property Office.

General Sales Manager Passarelli wishes to announce that the biggest sale in merchandise history is now going on. Many specials are being offered in his wide assortment of used and second hand socks, etc. Come early and avoid the rush.

It is said that Master Sergeant Rowell is nursing an ambition to sit on the front porch of the Mikado's Palace, toss his feet on the rail, and smoke a few cigarettes. Here's hoping he achieves that ambition.

PROBLEM OF PERSONNEL FALLS TO MAJOR CLARK

The duty of supervising records of some 573 Civilian employes of the Medical Department falls to Major Stanley A. Clark and if any one rise to remark that such should be classified as a sinecure the prompt rebuttal would bring out the fact that the great majority of these employes are women and even a cynic would admit the Major has a real job.

The regulations governing Civil Service employes were undoubtedly written by the original Philadelphia lawyer and only one with the same capacity for painstaking exploration into detail can hope to come out even when the figures at the bottom of all columns on the statistical reports are totaled. An accurate check of working hours must be maintained as well as a careful tab on the periods spent in leave or sickness or even tardiness. Uncle Sam expects a fair return for the salaries paid and it is the Major's job to certify that he gets it.

To Major Clark falls the decision as to suitability of listed candidates for any position as well as the one of getting the individual into a niche where she can best perform her duties. Temper or temperament at times offer complications but the judicial poise possessed by the Major enables him to carry on the varied activities with a minimum of friction. His long years of service as an Adjutant at several of our larger hospitals have equipped him with the necessary experience for handling minute details.

Major Clark is a native of the nutmeg state—Connecticut—first enlisted in the Army 32 years ago. He was commissioned in the Sanitary Corps during World War I, and later in the M.A.C. under the Army reorganization in 1920. He became a Captain in 1929 and was retired in 1934 for physical disability incidental to service.

Major Clark was recalled to active duty early last year and assigned as Assistant Adjutant in charge of Officers and Civilian personnel—a title he has embellished by his performance of the many arduous duties falling within his sphere.

May: "I went walking in the park with a movie usher last night."

Fay: "Did he talk shop?"

May: ("Yes, every time he saw an empty bench he said, 'There's room for two over there.' "



Major Stanley A. Clark, M. A. C.
Assistant Adjutant

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to **Richard E. Phillips**, appointed Sergeant, **Edward J. Kall**, appointed Corporal and Private **Charles R. Weisburg** who has been sent from this Detachment to under-go a seven and one-half month aviation student training course. If the course is completed satisfactorily Private Weisburg will be Staff Sergeant Weisburg, Air Corps.

Private **Gregory K. Bogue** of the Out Patient Service took the "hair cutting order" into his own hands by practically submitting to a scalping procedure at the hands of **Mrs.** Bogue. The hair cut is short enough I am sure, Bogue. Private Bogue's comment on the subject is, "35 cents saved is 35 cents earned," and it is appropriate.

Sergeant **Ernest P. Kiernan** and **Miss Helen Dodgins**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dodgins of Boise, Idaho were married December 16 at 2:00 p. m. by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna in the Letterman Chapel. Sergeant Archie Fineout was best man for the groom, and Miss Margaret McCarthy of the Red Cross Office witnessed the ceremony.

Another Detachment marriage of interest took place at the City Hall when the Justice of the Peace joined Private **Russell F. Cox** and Miss **Gloria Giannini** in marriage. The ceremony was witnessed by Private James J. Crowe and Miss Julie Bloesch and took place at 5:30, Saturday afternoon, December 14.

I wonder:

Why Sergeant **John R. Saurwein, Jr.** wants to know if rainy weather has anything to do with Master Sergeant Thomas C. Ward throwing golf clubs all over the course when the going "gets tough" during a recent golf match? Do you suppoes that Sergeant Saurwein thinks he can beat Sergeant Ward during a rain storm?

If that very persistent rumor of marriage bells for Sergeant **Bartholomew J. Guarisco** is well-founded, or have we really got our Xmas and Wedding bells mixed up as the Sergeant claims? Santa comes but once a year Sergeant, so we shall see if those bells still sound after the season of good cheer.

If Corporal **Merle Frazee** spending so many evenings on the Post of late is coincidental with the fact that "Pat," the young lady of his affections is now working the four to 12 shift at the QMC?

What caused the clock in the Information office to phfft!!!?

Private **James G. Gust** claims that since he had his hair cut his ears whip up such a wind that the clock just caught cold and died. I believe Gust and Corporal **Merle C. (Windy) West** better get together and see what the two of them can do about terrifically tall tales.

If Privates **John Terrell, Jack K. Davis** and **George W. Hargraves** feel better now since their attack of food poisoning which they swear came from the food when they "dined out." They were mighty uncomfortable men, and are to be complimented for attending to their duties next day. A regular Spartan spirit.

If Private **Robert A. Beach** is leaving the field open since a certain young lady gave him a "bad time?" How about that Beach, or should we say, "How about that, Shirley?" I know of several men who are interested.

If Sergeant "easy to get" **Ralph Gustafson** really attributes his success to his eyes.

A HEFTY PULL

"A man with a ready answer" is the title earned by Corporal Anthony Dabov, Coast Artillery, Camp Haan, California. In charge of communications for one of the crews handling a three-inch gun during firing practice, the Corporal found that a few shells were missing the target. He checked to see of orders were being followed exactly. They were.

It was intimated that perhaps he, himself, was responsible for the temporarily poor showing and at this point he injected his ready answer. To his commander he said, knowingly and confidentially:

"I know why the gun is overshooting; that private pulling the lanyard jerks too hard."

The three-inch gun weighs only seven tons!

Ilesay—Poor Mac Dowell is tied to his wife's apron strings, I'm told.

Utelem—Don't call him "poor." I think he's lucky to have a wife who has apron strings.

BUCK OF THE WEEK

We are planning on running a "Buck of the Week" series in which a private from the detachment will be introduced to our readers. Look elsewhere for this week's victim.

Chester E. Andrews was born August 28, 1909, in Seattle, Washington. He received his schooling in Richmond, California. After leaving school in 1929 he became a printer and he now owns half interest in the Market Street Press, located in the heart of San Francisco.



Private Chester E. Andrews

Prior to his enlistment in the Regular Army he spent 15 months in the National Guard all of which was active duty, stationed at Camp McQuaide, California. He performed the duties of radio operator, and attained the rank of Sergeant. On April 12, 1941, he was discharged from the National Guard in order to enable him to reenlist for the Quartermaster Detachment at Letterman Hospital and is now performing his duties in the Property Office and very commendably. His hobby is radio, something at which he must be very good, seeing how quickly he advanced in that field.

His home is now located in San Francisco and he hopes he will still have a business when he gets out of the Army.



SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Private First Class Robert L. Frasher, assistant to the charge of quarters, will not celebrate the Christmas holidays with such enthusiasm as he would if he were here. The "Lone Wolf" went on detached service to Oteen, North Carolina, on the early part of this week and will probably not be back until the first of the year!

Lt. Rex Clayton, former instructor of the pharmacy school, has been transferred to the mess, at Letterman General hospital. 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin J. Kingwell, prior assistant instructor, has been placed in charge of the pharmacy school.

Married men of the school detachment like Private First Class Jennings Lyon, Sergeant Otto Stewart, Staff Sergeants William H. Sink and William L. Walker, and Technical Sergeant Charles R. Reuther, now have to stand emergency duty every three days. They have to remain on the post for twenty-four hours and be prepared for any emergency. Everyone has accepted this added task with fullest cooperation, and although it has proven an inconvenience to some, all are willing to do their part.

Sergeant Walter Sambur, assistant instructor of the laboratory school, sure seems to have a way with the women. Anyhow, he did, when he went on detached service a little while ago. He lost his train at Salt Lake City, Utah, and was caught without any money or train ticket. A certain young stewardess on the Exposition Flyer lent him $5.00 and thus saved him a lot of embarrassment and made possible his speedy return.

1st Lieutenant Chester G. Moore, has been relieved of his duties as assistant instructor of the surgical school and has been assigned as assistant supply officer and assistant detachment commander.

Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, assistant instructor of the surgical school, has been strutting around quite a bit in his new blue uniform, and according to latest reports, he goes over to the Fillmore district to see a certain young lady. Finally caught up with you, Hilmer!!

Your roving correspondent saw Private First Class Jennings Lyon and Private First Class Delmar E. Carlson, assistant instructors of the surgical school (and their two spouses, eating supper at their famous rendezvous—The Dungeon. According to the expressions on their faces they seemed to be having a great time, and appeared to your reporter to be two very amiable couples.

The Christmas spirit sure can be sensed around the schools. Everyone is busy buying presents and receiving them, and they are all planning to celebrate it with high spirits despite the war that is now being waged. Your faithful columnist wishes all his readers a very mery Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year, and hopes to continue to serve them through the approaching New Year!



To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Fred V. Hallderson, Air Corps, Moffett Field, California, a daughter, Carol, weight 7 lbs. 3 ounces, born December 17, 1941.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Steve C. Culuris, Quarter Master Corps, Oakland, California, a son, Dale Steve, born December 19, 1941.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Arthur Prestridge, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Marian Gerard, weight 8 pounds 12 ounces, born December 18, 1941.

To Private and Mrs. Bela B. Toth, Fort Funston, California, a son, Bela Bert, weight 6 lbs. 12 ounces, born December 18, 1941.

To Major and Mrs. John B. Minna, Fourth Army Headquarters, a son John B., weight 7 lbs. 12½ ounces, born December 19, 1941.

Military materials to Britain helped raise U. S. exports in August to $445,000,000, and to lift the total exports for the second full year of the war to $4,189,000,000.

JAY JUMPS JOB

A familiar figure about the hospital grounds during daylight hours for the past twenty-three years is no longer to be seen by those of us who rise with the sun.

Sergeant Jay Connell, formerly on duty with the Post Electrician, has volunteered to stand night watch in the power plant for the duration of the emergency.



Sergeant Jay Connell

All of us are familiar with the figure of the man clad in fatigue clothes with his tool box slung over his shoulder going quietly about his job of repairing lights, replacing fuses, and installing outlets. He needed no supervision at any time. His work sheet was handed to him every morning and every evening it went back with every item checked as having been accomplished.

We feel that the same spirit of devotion to duty will characterize his performance in the new role. Sergeant Connell realizes the importance of the detail he has drawn and we know he will merit "well done" from his Commanding Officer.

RELIEF

There is relief in sight for any of our soldiers who have found themselves tied up in knots recently. The news is that all men serving in the armed forces will be given free treatment by members of the National Chiropractic Association. If there are any muscle-bound men in our Army—they may be unkinked—gratis!

The duPont Co., makers of chemicals, discredits the rumor of a threatened shortage of anti-freeze fluids for autos this winter, but urges economical use of them. The fluids contain methanol, ethanol and ethylene glycol—important defense materials.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Color and texture of materials used play an important part in this treatment.

Great benefit is derived from the use of tools used in woodworking. Sanding might be used as a first step, with graduation to heavy hammering and sawing. By use of bicycle saw and foot driven equipment the lower extremities as well as the upper can be included in the treatment. The finishing of the article, painting and decorating provide an outlet for the imagination and creative talent and capabilities of the patient.

Here at Letterman Hospital Occupational Therapy plays an important part in the treatment program for patients on the neuropsychiatric service. In fact, it is frequently noted by the patients themselves that the hours spent in some shop activity are the nearest to normalcy that they have encountered during their hospitalization. Thus by a "job" "tailored to fit" the patients' immediate capabilities can he help himself to an adjustment to the "role" he is to play in society.

Weaving, with the preparation of salvage materials to be used, such as stripping, dying, etc.; basketry, knotting, simple woodwork and carving, modeling, drawing, painting, beadwork, and a number of other small crafts are used as a means of treatment for the patients. These patients complete many beautiful articles which they are very proud and happy to send or take home to their parents and relatives.

Bedside Occupational Therapy is conducted on the wards as much as possible. As requests are received from the various services the individual patient is interviewed by the Aide and some activity is planned that the patient finds interesting and that can also be adjusted for bedside work. Despite the handicap of position, surprisingly many crafts can be carried on very easily, with proper instruction and supervision. The "trick to all trades" proves very beneficial in ward work. The mere desire of the patient to recover the use of muscle of joint to assist him in further craft may help in his more rapid recovery. Thus Occupational Therapy is also an economic factor.

The Craft Shops are financed by the Recreation Department and the purchase of the materials by the individual patient for articles he particularly desired. Bed patients and special orthopedic and medical cases that the physician feels will benefit by occupational therapy are issued materials. If such patients wish to sell some of the articles they have made they are allowed to do so. Many convalescent patients come into the open shop and try their skill at loom weaving, basketry and leather craft.

There are four craft shops each of which are fully equipped with working materials such as looms, saws, hammers, vises, squares, chisels, drills, scissors, knives, leather tools, carving tools for both wood and linoleum, paints, brushes, buckles and cord for making belts, catalin material for rings and paper knives, raffia, reed and cane for basketry, jute and roving for textile weaving.

Major Emmett B. Litteral, M. C., Chief of the Neuro Psychiatric section of the Medical Service, is the Officer in Charge of the Occupational Therapy Department.

Miss Hazel Donelson, a graduate of the State Teachers' College at Greeley, Colo., is the head aide and has been stationed at this hospital since 1931. She is assisted by Miss Frances Hatch, a graduate of Kalamazoo School of Occupational Therapy, Miss Hilda Steinmesch, Miss Esther Aguada, and Miss Martha Mae Lesche, all three of whom are graduates of the School of Occupational Therapy of the St. Louis University.

What They Said One War Ago

(From August Good Housekeeping Magazine)

We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been achieved—King George V.

We must let ourselves be killed on the spot rather than retreat—General Joffre.

Remember that the German people are the chosen of God — Kaiser Wilhelm II.

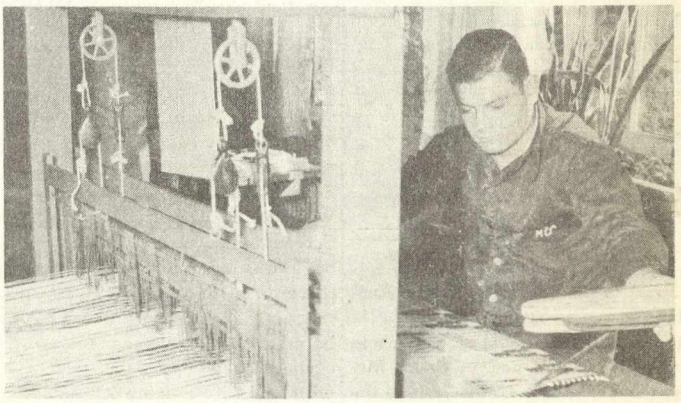
We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language—Theodore Roosevelt.

They shall not pass — Marshal Petain.

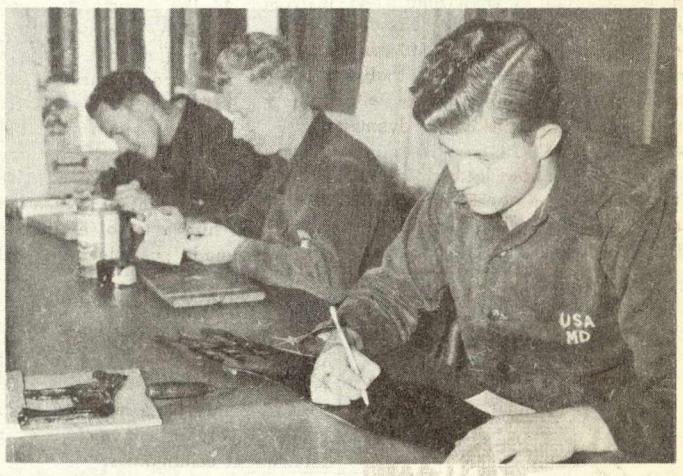
We are handicapped by fair play. Principle hampers our strength. We fight with ideals dragging at our arms—Herbert Kaufman.



HAZEL DONELSON, head Occupational Therapy Aide, looking at a rug displayed by Pvt. Buel M. Farr.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



HARRY V. GANT at the loom in the Occupational Therapy Shop.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



CHARLES BLOCK tooling leather in the Open Craft Shop of the Occupational Therapy Department.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

XMAS TREE PARTY

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next year at the same time and we hope he will be close enough to keep that promise with Dancer and Prancer and all of the other reindeer to bring him back.

The following were Santa's guests at the party:

Shirley Mae Amory, Bryan Arnone, Alma Rose Arnone, Mary Lou Arnone, Joan Lynn Bagnall, Susan Bagnall, Barbara Louise Bell, Charles David Biernoff, Alice Biernoff, Helen B. Biskind, Judith B. Biskind, Marilyn Broderick, Sally Burks, Barbara Mae Clark, Luana Clayton, William Cutts III, James Francis Cutts, Ann Carolyn Cutts, Cynthia Joan Day, Adrienne Winifred Day, Frank Randle Day, Jr., Robert J. S. Deil, Mary Sue Deil, Frederick G. S. Deil, James Richard Drake, Jr., Patricia Gorrie Ervin, Geoffrey G. Godard, Judith G. Godard, George Harbaugh, Charles Mortimer Haskell, John Elliott Haskell, William Clemens Helming, William H. Ice, Jr., Susan Ice, Susan Carol Johanson, Sonja Ann Johanson, Barbara Manning,, Jack Manning, Mary Ann McPherson, Cornelia Marguerite Miller, Elise Moore, Marilyn Elizabeth Muller, Nancy Ann Nichol, Hazel L. Parody, Burton E. Parody, Jane Hancock Paull, Jean Peck, Norma Peck, Teresa Dolores Perez, Lois Dorais Potter, Mary Ann Rate, Ruth Rich, Janet Sawyer, Christopher Sawyer, Gordon Jack Schmela, Alfred J. Schwarz, Jr., Charles Schwarz, Clarellen Schwarz, Suzanne M. Scott, Nancy Jane Shivers, Tommy Slocum, Dienne Trant Smith, Ewynne Newton Smith, Jerry Starr, Lois L. Steinhoff, Clement George Tavares, Ann Todd Terry, Marion Throwell, Robert H. Zuckerman, David J. Zuckerman David DeWitt Dominick, Mary Weston Dominick, John Pullman Dominick, Mitta Streit, Diana Reese, Ronald Reese, Joyce E. Andrews, William C. Muhic, Jr., Robert W. Rowell, Robert Martinez, Albert Martinez, Evelyn Martinez. Dolores Santiago, Madeline Santiago, Loretta Santiago, Mary Ann Sink, William Charles Sink, Richard Allen Sink, Barbara Jeane Sink, James Otto Stewart, Sylvia Ruth Stewart, Jacqueline Wolff, David Young, Robert Young, Sven H. Anderson, John Ballance, Robert Ballance, Mary Ann Davidson, Nancy Davidson, John Davidson, Lester Davidson, Patrick Fanning, Donald Frash, Tilden Hoffman, Edmond Y. Wells, Rosslyn E Wells, Marilyn V. Wells, Carl Bergstrom, Noreen Bergstrom, Joan Brown, Carl E. Clarke, Jacqueline B. Clarke, Edmond Dong, Vincent R. Donohue. Raymond J. Donohue, Juan Donohue, Joseph DeFreitas, Mario Elligi, James Harley, Ronald Maineri, Kathleen Monahan, Christopher Monahan, Barbara Petromilli, Melvin Rockwell, Rose Marie Wheeler, Helen Yankel, Ivor T. Parry, Cletis Patton, Jimmie Dunson.

Helen Keller 'Sees' Army Through Her Finger Tips

Few school children have grown up without hearing the life story of the famous Helen Keller, the Alabama girl who made herself an international figure in spite of being blind and a deaf mute since infancy.

Miss Keller visited the Army recently. She went to one of the country's largest infantry replacement centers—Camp Wolters, Texas—because she wanted to know what was being done for Selectees.

With her highly trained finger tips Miss Keller felt the warmth of the soldier's overcoat. She ran these same recording fingers over the strong, metal tube of a machine gun. She could tell the mess hall had clean, fresh pine walls. She inspected barracks, rifle ranges, the Service Club and other points of interest.

Miss Keller has taught herself to speak since reaching maturity. On this occasion, however, she did not talk about herself. She discussed only the soldiers and their place in "creating a wide-awake democracy."

Miss Keller was enthusiastic about the effort being made for the health, comfort, and entertainment of our soldiers.

SAFETY FIRST

"Aren't you afraid your creidtors will see you eating in this expensive restaurant?"

"It's the safest place. They can't afford to come here."

NINTH CORPS AREA

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zona, and the Territory of Alaska.

The removal of Corps Area headquarters will not deprive San Francisco of the honor of being the headquarters for the Commanding General directing operations along the western frontier. San Francisco first became military headquarters as far back as 1849 and through the years the senior military officer has had his headquarters here in the city or on the post at the Presidio.

This Week in Army History

December 28:

1917—The United States Government assumes control of the railroads as a war measure.

December 29:

1813—Buffalo, New York, burned by Indians.

1845—Texas is admitted as the twenty-eighth State of the Union.

December 30:

1859—Alcatraz Island occupied by Company H, 3rd Artillery.

December 31:

1853—Birth of Tasker H. Bliss, army officer and a member of the supreme war council of World War I.

1919—Seventeen Army airplanes used for fire patrol work complete activities for the season. Were instrumental in putting out 570 fires in California and Oregon.

January 1:

1735—Birth of Paul Revere.

1776—The single flag of the colonies replacing the "Pine Tree" emblem and "Liberty and Union" banners, raised over Cambridge, Mass. It consists of the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew and 13 alternate white and red stripes.

1810—Birth of Charles Ellet, Colonel U. S. A. Engineers, who designed he first wire suspension bridge in America.

1915—The Panama Canal, built by the United States Army officially opened to commerce, saving 10,020 miles of the sea trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.

1922—184 students at the Air Service Primary Flying School at Carlstrom Field, Arcadia Field, Florida, graduate. Their total flying time is 19,830 hours.

1940—War Department announces instruction of enlisted men of the Air Corps as Weather Observers and Weather Forecasters will be conducted at Chanute Field Branch of the Air Corps Technical School at Rantoul, Ill.

January 2:

1795—By Act of Congress of this day soldiers "on the Western Frontiers" have two extra ounces of bread, two extra ounces of beef or pork, and an extra pinch of salt added to their regular Army rations in view of the added labor of fighting Indians.

1812—One Regiment of Rangers (mounted scouts) organized for the duration of the War. Unique in the history of the Army. Disbanded in 1815 and no similar organization has existed since.

1856—Camp Cooper, a post of the 2nd United States Cavalry, established on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, Texas. Its Commanders during the next five years included W. J. Hardee, Robert E. Lee, George Stoneman, George T. Thomas, and Edmund K. Smith.

January 3:

1777—Battle of Princeton, New Jersey. The first action of the Revolution where Washington is in complete personal command. This victory, in addition to the successful raid at Trenton last month, has done much to bolster the sagging morale of the Army.

January 4:

1896—Utah admitted to the Union.

Girls Index Soldier Dates

If a University of Washington coed has a date with a soldier and she wants to know who he is, all she need do is look in a card index and she'll find the information. The Associated Women Students of the University recently compiled a list of questions to be answered by soldiers likely to be invited to school functions. Information asked is name, age, race, height, home town, college or university attended, fraternal connections, civilian occupation and other things about which a girl might like to talk. The card index helps women students to become better acquainted with the men entertained at after-game events, dances, fraternity and sorority open-house occasions and dinners.



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15 Service Clubs In Operation in 9th Corps Area

Fifteen service clubs are now in operation on military reservations throughout the Ninth Corps Area, built by the Army to provide the recreational and social advantages of a men's club for enlised personnel, Colonel E. M. George, District Engineer, whose office supervised construction of these structures, announced in San Francisco today.

Around these clubs center leisure-time "in-camp" activities. During the Christmas season they are the scene of dances, musicals, parties, recreational reading, and the meeting of enlisted men with their families and friends.

The service clubs are located at: Camp Callan, Fort Cronkhite, Camp Haan, March Field, Fort Ord, Camp Roberts and Camp San Luis Obispo —all in California. There is also one at Fort Lewis, Washington. The majority of these are two-story buildings, with a 37 by 80 foot dance floor, 700 square feet of floor space for a 1,500 volume library and reading room, a kitchen and a cafeteria dining room 37 by 50 feet in size. Over ten thousand dollars worth of equipment has been installed in each club.

Accommodations for overnight guests and quarters for hostesses are furnished in guest houses constructed nearby as an adjunct to the clubs. Four suites, each including two rooms and bath, are provided for the three hostesses and librarian permanently quartered at the post. Each house also provides overnight accommodations for a maximum of 56 guests and a lounge for use as a day room. Twenty-eight bedrooms, each 10 by 12 feet, are available for overnight guests at a cost of usually 50 cents per person.



LIEUT. COLONEL PAUL H. STREIT
Who has been Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service here for the past two and one-half years.

24 LETTERMAN NURSES ADVANCED DURING YEAR

It is believed that something approaching a record has been established among the nurses stationed at Letterman during the past year. No less than twenty four have received advancement in rank and all, with the exception of those recently promoted, are now in charge of their own staffs at army hospitals both within and beyond the continental limits.

Heading the list is Miss Lillian Gertrude Thompson, who was promoted to Captain and Assistant Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, now Principal Chief Nurse at the Fort Devens Hospital. Others who were awarded the silver bars of a First Lieutenant and the grade of Chief Nurse were: Kathleen P. McNulty, Genevieve Smith, Margaret Utaug, Virginia M. Severyn, Dorothy N. Zeller, Mary Katherine Cuppy, Emma E. Rose, Doris R. Goatley, Pearl G. Nicolls, Eileen Brady, Christy Norton, Helen Paton, Maud Pilch, Mary Barry, Louise M. Fitzgerald, Anna Anderson, Mary S. Emery, Catherine M. Flatley, Marguerite Hendrix, Mary K. Sackville, Helene M. Girodon, Orah D. Stephenson, Vera S. Logan, and Florence C. Jacobsen.

A single wing section of a bombing plane contains 1,200 aluminum parts, not counting some 20,000 rivets and washers.

Aloha To The Men From Hawaii

SKILLED DIETITIANS ON THE LETTERMAN STAFF

The value of nutrition and an appropriate dietary in therapeutics has made tremendous advances in the last two decades. Dietetics has developed into an important specialty without which no modern hospital can be called complete.

While doctors are more and more recognizing the necessity of dietary in therapeutics, the role of the physician specially trained in nutrition and the role of the dietitian is becoming constantly more important. The Army has been notably far in advance of the times in its recognition of this field as a specialty. The Army appreciated this fact during the World War, and through the instrumentalities of Brigadier General J. R. Kean, Medical Corps, dietitians were first assigned to our military hospitals.

The Dietetics Department from a professional viewpoint is an important specialty which plays an essential part in morale and in therapy, and directly concerns every patient and most of the personnel.

The Dietetics Department of Letterman General Hospital is composed of a Chief of the Dietetics Service who is also the Mess Officer, and who directs the policy governing special as well as standard diets. In a large military hospital, the Chief of the Dietetics Service is usually a qualified physician. Working directly under the Chief of the Dietetics Service is the Head Dietitian, and under her are eleven dietitiians who have been trained in various hospitals throughout the United States. Each is assigned to specific duties in the Dietetics Department. After serving several months in a specific capacity, they are rotated so that at the end of the year each has a well rounded experience in every field of Dietetics. It is perhaps comparable to a rotating interneship. After such a broad experience on the part of each of these dietitians, any or all are capable of becoming Head Dietitians.

Until the present emergency dietitians in army hospitals were appointed from among the graduates of the training school for student dietitians which was founded at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., immediately after World War I. Students to this school were selected from graduates of accredited colleges or universities in courses with a Foods and Nutrition Major. The course, as taught at Walter Reed, is recognized by the American Dietetics Association as one of the fifty-one accredited courses given by hospitals throughout the United States. Eighteen classes have been graduated from the school.



THIS CHARMING GROUP comprise the dietitians, reading from left to right, back row: Dorothy M. Richardson, Hollace M. Beall, Helen M. Updegraff, Geraldine K. Welsh, Virginia L. Kwiatt, and Mrs. Ruth Boyd. Front row: Marjory Jewell, Nell M. Shearer, Valdis M. Knudson, Eleanor L. Mitchell, Head Dietitian; Lorraine B. Clampitt, Catherine A. Wofford.

The status of dietitians is that of civilian personnel under the War Department and appointments must be made after certification by the Civil Service Commission.

Up until the time of the recent expansion of the army there were seventy-five dietitians on duty in army hospitals. That number has now increased to three hundred and in the increment are qualified dietitians from training schools in all parts of the United States. The dietitians on duty at Letterman Hospital are:

Miss **Eleanor L. Mitchell,** Head Dietitian, from Ohio, graduated from Miami University and Battle Creek College. She took her student training at Walter Reed General Hospital and was then stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital. From there she went to the Station Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands; Station Hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Station Hospital at Fort Jay, New York, then to Letterman General Hospital in March, 1938.

Mrs. **Ruth Boyd,** from Pennsylvania, graduated from Drexel Institute of Technology, and trained at Bellevue Hospital. She has been on duty here more than two years.

Miss **Dorothy M. Richardson,** from Colorado, graduated from Colorado State College, and trained at Dr. Groves Latter Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City before coming to duty in March, 1941.

Miss **Geraldine K. Welsh,** from Iowa, graduated from Clarke College, and trained at Dr. Groves Latter Day Saints Hospital Salt Lake City, coming to duty here in March, 1941.

Miss **Marjory Jewell,** from Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota and trained at Dr. Groves Latter Day Saints Hospital, Salt Lake City, coming to duty here April, 1941.

Miss **Katherine A. Woford,** from Arizona, graduated from the University of Arizona; trained at Dr. Groves Latter Day Saints Hospital, Salt Lake City, and came to duty here in May, 1941.

Miss **Hollace M. Beall,** from North Dakota, graduated from North Dakota State College and trained at Alameda County Hospital. She came to duty July, 1941.

Miss **Lorraine B. Clampitt,** from Oregon State Agricultural College, trained at Alameda County Hospital, and came to duty here in July, 1941.

Miss **Virginia L. Kwiatt,** from Illinois, graduated from the University of California, trained at Alameda County Hospital and came to duty in July, 1941.

Miss **Valdis M. Knudson,** from

(Continued on page seven)

LGH CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL AT OFFICERS SCHOOL

The five members of the Medical Detachment who left here in September of last year to attend the Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks have all been successful in their quests for a commission and now are Second Lieutenants, Medical Administrative Corps.

The new oficers are: 2nd Lieut. Joseph I. Murray, to be stationed at Letterman General Hospital; 2nd Lieuts. Harry T. Ferguson, Roland I. Hoover, Ralph J. Comstock, and Sam A. Edwards, all to station at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

The congratulations of the Commanding General, the officers and men of this command are extended to the new officers.

Dates for Hearst Rifle Matches Have Been Set

The 1942 National ROTC Rifle Matches for the William R. Hearst trophies will be conducted during the period January 10 to March 18 inclusive, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General, Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco.

The competition which is held annually is open to all ROTC units in the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. It is conducted under the direction of the nine Corps Area Commanders.

Matches are fired by five-man teams. Each member fires one sighting shot and five shots for record in each of the four positions—prone, kneeling, sitting, and standing—at a range of 50 feet with a 22 caliber rifle.

Participating teams are divided into the following groups: Senior group representing universities and colleges, one junior group representing essentially military schools, and another group representing all other secondary schools.

Each ROTC unit may enter one or more teams in the competition. An entry card for each team will be mailed to the commander of the corps area in which the school is located. Upon receipt of the entry card at the corps area headquarters, official targets and blanks for reporting team scores and certificates of witnesses will be forwarded to the entrants.

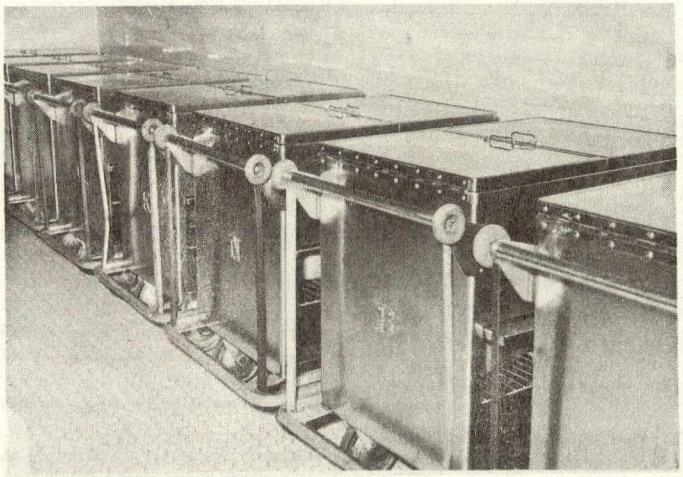
The standing of each competing team and high individual will be determined within the group and forwarded together with the targets, team names, and certificates, to the Corps Area Commander. After a check for correctness, the Corps Area Commander will forward the results to the Adjutant General who has been designated by the War Department to determine the national winners.

Targets received at the Corps Area Headquarters after midnight, March 18, 1942, will not be considered.

Mr. Hearst awards trophies and medals to the national champions and to the winning teams in each of the nine corps areas.



HERE IS SECTION of the main kitchen where special diets are prepared. Reading from left to right are: Cook Robert Dellate, with back to camera; Pfc Adelard Gagnon, Pfc. Donald V. Glaser, Pfc. Carl Wade, Pfc. Martin Newcomb.



THESE LINED UP food carts are used for transporting food from the main kitchen to the wards. Each cart is marked with the letter of the ward to insure correct delivery.

NEW NURSES

Two additions to the nursing staff of the hospital have been made during the past week.

Miss Dorothy R. Bohling was born in Chico, Calif., made her high school course there and also attended Chico State College for one year. Her professional training was made at St. Luke's Hospital where she was graduated last summer. Immediately prior to enrolling for military service she was on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Mary E. Dreyer was born in Fullerton, Calif., attended high school in her native town and Santa Barbara State College. She was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital training school in 1940 and remained at that hospital until appointed to the Army.

Miss Bohling and Miss Dreyer were roommates and classmates at St. Luke's and are now both stationed at Letterman Hospital.

Safety Program Stressed on All Defense Projects

Despite the increasing tempo of Army construction in the Ninth Corps Area, accident frequency and severity rates continue to decline. An Accident Experience Report just compiled for the month of November by the U. S. District Engineer Office in San Francisco shows excellent results of the Army's safety measures.

The report covers 41 separate projects in seven Western states, and reveals that while 5,404,597 man hours were worked in November, accidents caused only 3,774 days to be lost, while one fatality caused an additional 6000-day penalty charge. The average number of workers employed was 32,942. The type of construction included all the known hazards of the industry—ordnance manufacturing plants, harbor defenses, camps and cantonments, ordnance depots, tunnels and water dams.

The accident severity rate, for several months one of the lowest in the United States, was **1.808 in November**, indicating that only one and four-fifths of a day were lost out of every thousand hours worked. This is equivalent to the loss of three-tenths of a day for each man during the month.

The accident frequency rate, 27.94, shows a 14 per cent decrease in comparison with the month of October.

The vital problem of safeguarding workmen on defense projects is receiving more and more attention. Navy Secretary Frank Knox recently told the 30th National Safety Congress in Chicago that a killed or injured worker is as much loss to defense as a wounded soldier because "we have no time to train replacement workers." He said that time lost through injuries last year would have built 45 battleships, 75,000 fighter planes or 15,000 heavy bombers.

Ilesay—Poor Mac Dowell is tied to his wife's apron strings, I'm told.
Utelem—Don't call him "poor." I think he's lucky to have a wife who has apron strings.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BUTTON UP

All of us will recall these words of admonition, spoken in affection, by our mothers lest we be exposed to the chill blast of wintry winds.

Many of us will remember the same words, reduced to the vernacular, uttered as a command to keep quiet or—to express the idea more inelegantly—shut up.

It is most appropriate that those of us in the military service make it a slogan for guidance in our daily rounds of duty. In the natural course of contact with our fellow soldiers we may feel the urge to mention what we know concerning steps taken or plans being made for defense or offense against the enemy. When that urge comes to the fore—button up!

Complacency—our national characteristic—has militated against our forming the habit of caution with respect to things of a military nature. We harbored no evil designs against any people or country and we childishly attributed the same lack of harmful intent to others. Recent events have demonstrated the fallacy of that deduction and we cannot be too careful about what we say and where and to whom.

We Americans have a penchant for terse expressions. Our slang has given us an ideal slogan to fit the times and the circumstances.

It is—BUTTON UP!

THE OBSERVER SAW

A committee of Dietitians asking the Editor to cut off their feet in the group photo appearing in this issue. Feet are always funny in photos.

People around the Administration Building developing the ability of owls to see in the darkened corridors.

The very military appearance of our Military Police ready for action at short notice.

S/Sgt. **James C. Strickland** and his postal aids cleaning up a heap of mail in the Christmas rush. His motto is "keep it moving" and he does.

Amateur strategists and tacticians all over the P.X. grill at lunch time. Fortunately no white table covers to be the only casualties.

A nurse on a patientless ward playing solitaire and wishing for a partner to make it Russian Bank.

Up to the present moment our permanent state of "alert" has not produced any experts at cutting out paper dolls.

Evacuation Plans Merely Contingent

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, has expressed concurrence in the statement of the Honorable F. H. LaGuardia, U. S. Director of Civilian Defense, that evacuation should not be undertaken except under conditions where frequent or continuous bombing can be expected and that the military situation on the Pacific Coast at present does not justify such a contingency.

General DeWitt said further that the formation of definite plans for evacuation is desirable and essential for orderly movement in the event such action in some areas should become advisable. However, General DeWitt desires it to be emphasized that the preparation of such plans should in no way be construed to mean that evacuation is imminent or probable.

The statement of Mr. LaGuardia was contained in a telegram to Mr. Jack H. Helms, Acting Regional Director, Ninth Civilian Defense Region.

ANC

Greeting cards received at Christmas time by the Principal Chief Nurse and others of our group added much to the joy of the holiday season. It was good to know we are still remembered. Among those sending greetings were: Elizabeth Bechlen, Ft. Bragg; Edna Umbach, APO 810; Matilda Paul, Porto Rico; Marguerite Hendrix, Ft. McArthur; Mary Scherer, March Field; Eileen Brady, Camp Callan; Clara Washington, Ft. Ord; Maud Pilch, Camp Wallace; Eunice Byrd, Hoff General Hospital; Cornelia Ayer, Camp Callan; Catherine Flatley, Pres. of Monterey; Virginia Severyn, Gardner Field; Genevieve Smith, Hoff G. H.; Gertrude Thompson, Lowell General Hospital; Marion Bunton; Margaret Shook, Barnes G. H.; Margaret Kennedy; Margaret Oberson, Schofield Bks.; Irma Dolson and Elma Aason, Schofield Bks.; Lillian Girarde, Ft. Richardson; Hubertina Schepers, Tripler G. H.; Mary Emery, Pendleton, Ore., Nancy King, San Juan, P. R.; Willie Harris, Atlanta, Ga., Frances Henchey, Ft. Douglas; Dorothy Zeller, Bakersfield; Alice Gallagher, Stockton Field; Ellen Ryan, Gardner Field; Alma Skoog, Barksdale Field; Mary Prucha, McChord Field; Mary Kenny, Moffett Field; Louise Fitzgerald, Abilene, Texas; Elizabeth Michner, McChord Field; and many others whose cards are not at hand as we write up these notes.

And now comes the report that Frances Henchey is on her way to a new station at San Juan where she will probably buy back her half of the station wagon.

In the hospital as we go to press: Merchelle Norton and Irma K. Kauffman. Hope they will be out when we come from the press.

'WHAT A MAN'

"The ladies of the Helping Hand Society claim some sort of record. Out of fifty members, thirty-eight have been married to the same man for twenty-five years."

One automobile company is saving 25,000,000 pounds of critical materials on 1942 models—with no sacrifice in quality.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 3, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George W. Kelley, CASC, 1927, Presidio a, daughter, Joyce Ann, born December 23, weight seven pounds, one-quarter ounce.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gustave N. Dennis, Air Corps, a daughter, Noel Ann, born December 25, weight seven pounds, eleven and one-quarter ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Marvin St. Clair, CASC, 1900, DEMS, Presidio, a son, Joseph Peter, born December 25, weight eight pounds, eight ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert C. Riegg, CASC, 1901, San Francisco, a son, Nicholas Higham, born December 27, weight eight pounds, nine and one-half ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Clarence Daly Barker, Engineer Corps, District Engineers, U.S.A., a son, Richard Taylor, born December 28, weight eight pounds, one-half ounce.

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DETACHMENT C. O. KNOWS HIS JOB FROM BOTTOM UP

A friendly smile lighted the ruddy face of the Commanding Officer, Medical Detachment, as we introduced ourselves to him in his office. Our mission was to learn something about that upstanding, six foot, officer which we might pass on to our readers.

Prior to the call to active duty under his reserve commission as Captain he was the First Sergeant of the same detachment he now commands and as we sat there chatting it was quite impossible to picture him in the role of the typical First Sergeant Flagg of the movies.

He speaks with an unusually soft voice which never the less has a perceptible force behind it lest the unwary make the mistake of thinking he is only fooling. We easily imagined that when it came to administering discipline he would be a "dead ringer" for our dad whose approach to such situations was always heralded with "Son, this will hurt me more than it hurts you," and while we never concurred at least we knew that dad meant business. The men of the Medical Detachment feel the same way about their "old man."

Captain Lemuel R. Williams was born near Charlotte, North Carolina, and enlisted in the army on July 15, 1912 at Columbus Barracks, Ohio. He served in Panama and on the Mexican border before going overseas in 1917 where he had duty in Belgium, France and Germany. He was the last enlisted man of the Medical Department to quit Germany with the Army of Occupation and then he went to Paris where he remained with the Graves Registration Service until February 1923. His total of five years service over there only enhanced his love for this side of the ocean.

Captain Williams reported for duty at Letterman Hospital in July 1934 and he has been here ever since. He will complete thirty years of service in the Army on July 15 of this year but he is remaining on active duty for the duration of the emergency.

The men of his command hold him in high respect as their commanding officer, and in deep affection as a fellow soldier who can do everything he orders them to do but does it just a little bit better.



CAPTAIN LEMUEL R. WILLIAMS, M.A.C., Commanding Medical Detachment.

MAGIC MEDICINE

There's a heap o' consolation,
In the handclasp o' a friend;
It can wipe out desolation,
An' bring heartaches to an end;
It can soothe a troubled spirit
Like no magic in the land;
Heaven? You are pretty near it—
When a good friend grips your hand!
There's a heap o' satisfaction
In a friendly shoulder pat;
It's a simple little action—
But a mighty one, at that!
When firm fingers grip your shoulder,
When you sort o' need a brace,
Makes you stronger, braver, bolder,
An' more fit to run the race!
When you're full o' worry pizen,
An' the world is lookin' drear,
There's a heap of energizin'
In a little pill o' cheer!
When some little threats distress you,
They put nectar in your cup—
Little phrases like "God bless you!"
An' the other one, "Cheer up!"

—James Edward Hungerford

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Private Allen R. Crampton, enlisted instructor of the x-ray school, was disrated 6th class specialist and rerated 2nd class specialist the early part of this week.

Among the number of engagements that have taken place in the schools during this current month are those of Sergeant Frederick L. Essen, enlisted instructor of the medical school; Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, enlisted instructor of the surgical school; Sergeant LeRoy R. Sixberry, clerk at school headquarters; and Private First Class Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., company clerk of these schools. Their brides-to-be are all local young women except Sixberry's fiance, a native of Montana.

The readers of this column will recall that Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske was mentioned last week in this column concerning a certain party he frequents to, whenever he can avail himself of the opportunity. Well, your reporter has received reports of his engagement—a very costly one, to be sure! An unconfirmed report was received that Fauske had lavished $569 on a very dazzling and sumptuous engagement ring! My! My! Nothing cheap about him, is there?

Private First Class Robert L. Frasher, assistant to the charge of quarters, reported for duty the early part of this week after being on detached service for over a week. Frasher said he had a most pleasant and enjoyable trip, he also said that he got some prize snapshots of the entire journey.

Captain Wilson T. Smith, commanding officer of the special service schools, has been placed in complete charge of 11 patients and 19 officers and enlisted men, who are assisting Captain Smith as attendants to the patients. Lt. Chester G. Moore, assistant commanding officer and supply officer, will assume the duties of commanding officer during the absence of the detachment commander.

Some of the enlisted personnel to go on detached service during the early part of this week are Sergeant LeRoy R. Sixberry, to Northampton, Massachusetts; Sergeant Albert H. Kachner, to Jamestown, New York; Private Allen E. Greendale, to Percy Point, Maryland; Private Everard V. Cruea, to Northampton, Massachusetts.

AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE

The declaration of war has imbued every soldier in Uncle Sam's Army with pride in the job to which he is assigned.

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, a certain Negro private of the 31st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, was asked by a civilian friend about his duties.

"Why," said the colored soldier, "I'm a doorkeeper for a G.P.F."

Only a seasoned soldier would know "G.P.F." is the Army term for a 155 millimeter gun. So naturally the friend was a bit puzzled.

"What do you mean—doorkeeper for a G.P.F.?" he asked.

"Well," the private explained, "I opens the door on that gun and they puts in the ammunition and I closes the door. Then when they shoot it, I say, 'Mr. Hitler, recount your men!' "

Colonel Rod—The Man Behind the Well-Known Voice

Many of our patients, as they tune in daily at 4:15 in the afternoon to K.P.O., to listen to Rod Hendrickson, may wonder just what he looks like. A card recently came to the editor's desk bearing his photo and a quotation both of which we reprint.



ROD HENDRICKSON

As we read the verse we seem to hear the familiar intonations of Rod in the background; he is speaking and we are listening. Just a habit we have formed of late; a habit that is catching and will get you too. But remember that we warned you.

Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings;
And common folk like you and me,
Are builders of Eternity?
To each is given a book of rules,
A shapeless mass and a bag of tools,
And each must make ere life has flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Former Officers May Be Used In the Emergency

The War Department announced today its intention to obtain information relative to the present address and civilian skill of World War officers and former Regular Army officers who are not now connected with the military establishment who desire to volunteer for service. This decision was reached as a result of a partial survey of former officers which has been completed recently.

While this group of former officers is generally too old for service with combat units, their potential value in the present emergency for administrative positions is fully realized. The desire of these officers to serve has been made clear by numerous letters and inquiries which have been received by the War Department. It is not intended to call them to active duty as a group but some will be called as individuals to fill specific positions for which their past service and civilian occupations have specially fitted them. The War Department sincerely appreciates the willingness of these officers to once again take up arms in defense of their country and assures them that their ability and previous experience are recognized and will be made use of as the need arises.

Those who desire to offer their services should notify the War Department and request a Veteran Officer's questionnaire. The letter should contain the full name and complete address and show highest rank previously held.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following-named Privates who were this week given a chevron—Vachel E. Barton, William Couch, Ernest R. Fine, Leo W. Gustafson, and Davis J. Ross.

Sergeant Ralph L. Rovner and Private First Class Jack K. Davis left early this week to attend the Officers' Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Here's wishing them all the luck in the world and hoping that we can "sir" them in the future.

We have heard by the grapevine that Technical Sergeant Harry A. Ferguson, Sergeant Ralph J. Comstock and Private Sam A. Edwards have received their commission as Second Lieutenants, Medical Administrative Corps. We snicerely hope this is true.

Private John E. Parker has been transferred to the Air Corps, Ellington Field, Texas, at which station he will be appointed Aviation Cadet.

It is rumored that a certain studio in Hollywood has made Sergeant Guarisco a magnificent offer to star in a new series of Frankenstein pictures.

HOBBIES

Local philatelists will be interested in a sketch concerning the Banta Mail route over which the mail between Fresno and San Francisco was carried for 13 days—from July 6 to July 18, 1894—and has since become well known to stamp collectors all over the world.

Mr. Banta conducted a bicycle shop in Fresno in the days of the high wheel era. To him it was not only a business but a hobby and that will explain the enthusiasm which really prompted the organization of the Banta mail route.

When the Pullman strike paralyzed traffic in the San Joaquin Valley he saw in bicycling something else—an opportunity to perform a public service by keeping the mail going between Fresno and San Francisco, a distance of 210 miles.

Wiseacres said it couldn't be done and that it would take days and days for the pedal pushers to connect the two cities. But done it was. Operating in six relays, the riders covered the 210 intervening miles in 18 hours, carrying not only mail, but various small articles, including a set of false teeth that a dentist needed badly for a strike-bound customer.

The postage was 25 cents on each envelope, in addition to the regular U. S. postage, and Banta had his own stamps, now a collector's prized item, printed. The green and diamond-shaped bicycle mail stamps which were sold only during the 13 days of operation of the route from July 6 to July 18 of that year currently are now cataloged by the stamp companies at $5 bid and $7.50 asked.

The riders covered the 210 miles between the Bay city and the Valley community in six relays and took 18 hours for the entire run. Mr. Banta's brother, Walter, still a resident of Fresno, was one of the riders. Mr. Banta himself did only relief riding. He was the proprietor of a cyclery and once sold 700 bikes in a single year.

Mr. Banta has given many highly interesting discourses on his unique private mail route—a very detailed one being before the California Philatelic Society of San Francisco, July 13, 1934.

Mr. Ripley, whose "Believe It or Not" is a national radio broadcast, has discoursed on the bicycle stamp and has referred to it as the "last local stamp issued in the United States"; also as the "first stamp in the United States illustrating a bicycle," "the only stamp referring to a labor union and bearing the letters, 'A.R.U.' (American Railway Union)," "the only stamp to mention the word 'strike'," "and that Mr. Banta is the only man now living who issued a local mail stamp" which is catalogued in Scott's nationally known specialized U. S. stamp catalog.

Like the U. S. Postal Service, Mr. Banta's ran true to form financially, too, for after a 12-day operation period, ended by the settlement of the strike, he wound up with a deficit of $25.30.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

January 5:

1779—Birth of Zebulon M. Pike, soldier, explorer, and discoverer of Pike's Peak.

January 6:

1912—New Mexico admitted to the Union.

January 7:

1929—Major Carl Spatz, and Captain Ira C. Eaker, piloting the Army plane "Question Mark," set a new endurance record by remaining in the air 150 hours, 40 minutes and 15 seconds, aided by refueling from another plane.

January 8:

1815—General Jackson defeated the British at New Orleans six weeks after the peace treaty is signed at Ghent, Belgium. Jean Lafitte, the buccaneer, cooperates with Jackson, and with his own artillery pieces, which had been laboriously carried through the bayous, was instrumental in the American victory.

1924—Chemical Warfare Service discovers toxic material for protecting piling against marine borers, thereby saving millions of dollars annually.

January 9:

1793—The first balloon voyage in the United States made by Jean Blanchard of France, in George Washington's presence, at Philadelphia.

January 10:

1923—President Harding orders the return of the American Army of Occupation of the Rhine.

COLONEL ANDREW SUMMERS ROWAN STILL A HERO

Room No. 1..., Ward A-1, in Letterman General Hospital will some day be observed as a shrine dedicated to young America. It is in this room that Colonel Andrew Summers Rowan finds himself as a patient here at Letterman.

Colonel Rowan is a sacred memory in America. He is also a noble hope for American youth. Everyone knows of his achievements. His message to Garcia in the early days of the Spanish American war has become a classic incident in American valor.

"Where," asked President McKinley of the Bureau of Military Intelligence, "where, can I find a man who will carry a message to Garcia?"

The answer: "Lt. Rowan will carry it for you."

"Send him," was the President's order.

"When does the next boat leave for Jamaica?" asked Coloned Wagner of the Intelligence Department.

"At noon tomorrow," replied Lt. Rowan.

"Can you take that boat?" asked the Colonel.

"I can," replied Lt. Rowan.

"Then get read to take it," instructed Coloned Wagned.

And the message to Garcia was on its way!

Cuba was in a state of desperate rebellion. The Spanish army under General Weyler, "the Butcher," held all the roads, ports and communications into Cuba. God help any man caught by General Weyler. Lt. Rowan had to be smuggled out of Jamaica and smuggled into Cuba. It was a perilous journey. Who was friend or who was foe? That was the great question at all times. The small group camouflaged themselves as fisherman about their catch. The ruse worked. They finally landed in the night, having had a very close call at the hands of the Spanish Patrol.

Then it was a trip through the brush, over mountains, valleys, and avoiding the roads, traveling by night. Once in crossing the highway leading to Santiago de Cuba the small group narrowly escaped from a cavalry guard of Spanish soldiers. Deserters were, however, far more dangerous than cavalry or infantry. Lt. Rowan had a sense of intuition which saved him from just such a plot. A quick jump from a hammock saved Rowan from death at the hands of a deadly machete.

May 1 is Dewey Day in American history. It was on this very same day that Lt. Rowan delivered his message to Garcia. Having delivered his message to Garcia his next business was to get back to the United States. President McKinley said, "Lt. Rowan you have performed a very brave deed." Lt. Rowan replied, "I have but obeyed my orders." He had carried the message to Garcia.



COLONEL ANDREW S. ROWAN

Elbert Hubbard, one of the great journalists of America saw the greatness of this incident. It was not the bravery of the incident, it was not a case of hero warship, it was a sublime realization by Hubbard that Rowan was an illustration of something more than words or lectures could produce. Here was a man ready when the moment came. Here was initiative. Here was a man prepared, confident, immediate service with no delays, no excuses, no alibis. Garcia is a symbol of our objectives in every life situation. Lt. Rowan is the answer for the meeting of these objectives. Any nation whose citizenry is unprepared to act and to act now when duty calls is a nation whose future is an obituary.

Colonel Rowan is probably today the finest lesson to be learned by young America. In essence he is a replica of General Washington in his willingness to assume responsibility and to deliver the message entrusted to him. Anyplace where the Rowan spirit is housed is an American shrine. With Hubbard we too salute him in the spirit of "deathless bronze."

SKILLED DIETITIANS

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North Dakota, graduated from North Dakota State College, and trained at Seattle Course for Dietitians. She came to duty in July, 1941.

Miss **Nell M. Shearer**, from Kentucky, graduated from the University of Kentucky, and trained at Duke University Hospital, to duty here October, 1941.

Miss **Helen M. Updegraff**, from Kansas, graduated from the University of Minnesota, and trained at Alameda County Hospital, coming to duty here November, 1941.

Civilian Motor Transportation Plans Arranged

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today announced the formation of a Civilian Motor Transportation Plan for use in he area comprising the Western Theater of Operations. The plan was developed by Interstate Commerce Commissioner John L. Rogers of Washington, D. C., who has been in San Francisco for the past week conferring with Miltiary authorities.

Commissioner Rogers, who is also Chairman of the Central Motor Transportation Committee under the Office of Emergency Management, has been named by General DeWitt as Coordinator of Civilian Motor Transportation for the Western Defense Command. In a letter to the Governors of the eight states in the Western Defense Command, General DeWitt has asked that every assistance and cooperation necessary to insure the successful performance of his assignment be extended to Commissioner Rogers.

As Coordinator the Commissioner will put in operation his plan which contemplates the establishment of dispatching offices in the eight Western States whereby the Army may, during the period of the emergency, call upon one central authority to furnish the Western Defense Command and its component parts all nonmilitary motor transportation facilities which may be required by the many military units comprising the Command.

UNCLE SAM

The exact origin of the nickname "Uncle Sam" is unknown, but general credence is given the following story:

During the war of 1812, certain army supplies were inspected by a Samuel Wilson, known to workmen as "Uncle Sam." He passed each case of supplies by stamping upon it, "E.A.U.S." for the name of the contractor, Ebenezer Anderson, and for the United States.

A workman jokingly said "U.S." stood for "Uncle Sam" and the fancy spread.

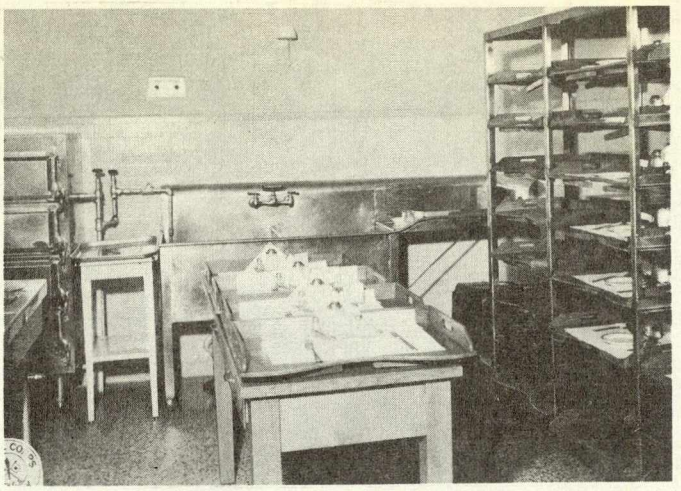
Our conception of Uncle Sam as a tall, thin, sparsely bearded figure, with 19th century clothes and a high hat, usually with his clothes decorated with the stars and stripes.

Bud Is An Old Copy Cat, Says Willie Arkansas

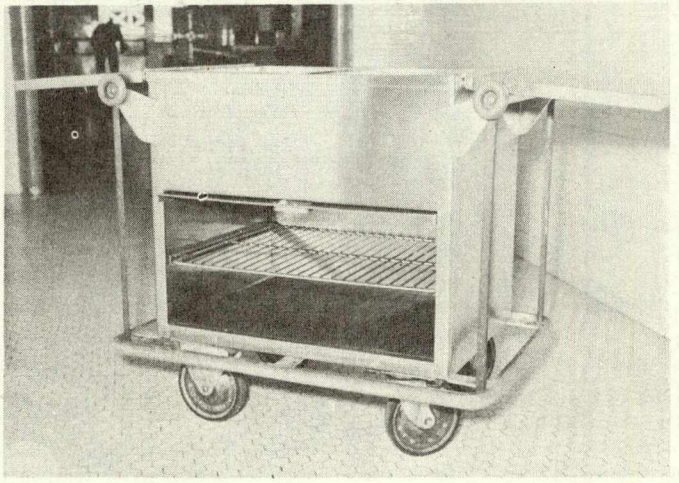
Dear Sis:

I see in our hospital paper which is called the FOGHORN that a patient is writing to his brother Willie back in Arkansas and all of his letters are printed and why couldn't I write to you the same way and have our letters so every body can read them and not only the postman who must have x-ray eyes because he can usually tell me what you have written even before I open the envelope and then he has the nerve to stand around and ask me for the stamp because he is collecting stamps for some of the sick men who have stamp albums and can talk about nothing else and I like to help the sick even if I get sick myself of hearing about surcharges and the perfs and imperfs and covers and a lot of other words which means nothing to you unless you happen to be one of those stamp collectors and I heard that one of our high ranking officers is a coin collector and he has a pile of jack but he dont get no fun out of his money because he cant collect it and spend it too but he is not one of those guys who get two for one on pay day and I do not want you to think that is where he collects his coins as he is a good guy most of the time except where it says in regulations that a thing must be done in a certain way and he likes to have it done that way and some times it would be a lot easier to do it some other way but if it's in the book that is the way we generally do it because I am not fighting with colonels yet only corporals and they can be tough enough and if I ever get to be a corporal I will start collecting chevrons until I have enough to make a master sergeant but even then I am not fighting colonels and only saying yes sir to whatever they want just like I am doing now when I can understand what they want and it is not always easy to tell what a colonel wants from what he says and I guess I am not long enough in the service to speak the language and up to now all I do is listen but I hear plenty in this job of mine which is messenger boy and I have a bicycle to use when they are in a hurry to send a message and they could use pigeons but they dont have birds out here at least not that kind but they give the bird to the mess sgt when ever he aint looking and the chow is not so good but it aint so often that way and I am gaining weight on account of the seconds I ask for in the mess hall and some of the men call me blubber and say I am getting fat but you would get fat too if you could eat regular the way we do here and I like the place fine but I never want to go back to camp Grant and when I am here a little while I will tell you more about the place and what we do here and if Liza wants to write to me give her my address and she dont have to put general delivery on it anymore as it might go to the general by special delivery and that would put me in bad right away just when I am getting in right with the big sergeant who has charge of the personnel and he can be tough if you are asking me and I see him coming right now and I guess I better pick up a paper and make like I am delivering it to some office and will write you again soon.

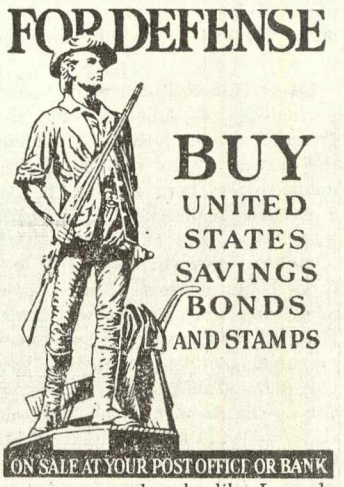
Bud



VIEW OF DIET KITCHEN on ward where food is arranged on serving trays before being taken to patients.



FOOD CART, with cover raised to show interior. Food is maintained piping hot in these carts from the main kitchen to ward kitchen.



CONFIDENTIAL CODE

A letter from the girl-friend is a much-anticipated event in the daily routine of every soldier.

To private Joe Di Mercurio, at Camp Callan, Calif., it was an especially joyous day recently when one arrived because he hadn't received a so-called "sugar-report" for some time previous.

With impatient hands he tore open the envelope, glanced at its contents —and then almost passed out. The billet-doux was entirely in shorthand!

Joe can't decipher the girl-friend's message—but he's afraid to trust anyone else!

COST OF COMFORT

There are certain limitations on stature in the physical requirements of the Air Corps.

However, Sergeant, H. L. Mahula, at Mather Field, California, was given a dispensation in the matter of height. An exception was made in his case to allow for his towering six feet, seven and three-quarter inches.

The Sergeant likes to stretch out at night when he goes to sleep; so he has provided himself with a special seven and a half foot long mattress and bed. The cost of transporting this extra luxury from one Army post to another cannot be charged to the Army; and therefore the Sergeant has to allow for it in his budget. To date his bunking expenses have totaled: $24.00!

The Sergeant will tell you, even though that is a lot of bunk, it's worth it.

Tremendous Trifles

On the Ford Rouge plant payroll are 11,882 employes generally regarded as unfit for industrial service, yet they are earning full wages working at special jobs. They are men who are blind or otherwise physically handicapped.

The assembly line, now so important to mass production of national defense needs, was originated by the automobile industry. First perfected by the Ford Motor Company, it soon was adopted by all motor car makers.

Coal pulverized so fine it is like talcum powder is consumed at the rate of 2,500 tons a day by the Ford Rouge plant power house.

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PROMOTION COMES TO LGH OFFICERS

The added glitter of gold to the general color scheme prevailing around the hospital during the past week is attributable to the fact that six officers of the staff have been promoted to the grade of Major in the Medical Corps. Up to the time we go to press there was also one other officer promoted from Lieutenant to Captain. A brief biography of the officers concerned and the promotions follows:



MAJOR JAMES WILLIS CALLOWAY

Major **James Willis Callaway** was born in Temple, Texas, and made his academic studies at Southern Methodist University and took his degree in medicine at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in June, 1933, and ordered to active duty for a period of one year with the C. C. C. at a camp in Wisconsin. He was again ordered to active duty in November, 1940, and assigned to Letterman General Hospital, his present station. He became

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. BESWICK, M.A.C.

WEDDING BELLS AT LETTERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson announce the marriage of their daughter, May, to Captain William L. Beswick, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, on Saturday, January 3, 1942.

The wedding took place in the Letterman Chapel with Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Post Chaplain, officiating. Mrs. Hilda Coursen was the bridesmaid, and Captain Clement A. Tavares stood at the right side of the groom.

Captain and Mrs. Beswick left immediately following the ceremony for a brief honeymoon at an undisclosed spot.

Indicative of the National Defense effort, the United States in 1940 imported $112,166,000 worth of rubber and 27,000,000 pounds of tin from the Netherlands East Indies in 1940.

NEW YEAR'S FIRST BLACKOUT FINDS LGH PREPARED

The first "black out" of the new year enveloped the post and the city in Stygian gloom on Saturday evening of last week.

The plans previously made for action in such a contingency were put into operation and everything went along as smoothly as though normal routine prevailed. The signal to black brought a ready response from all quarters of the hospital and surrounding grounds and within a few minutes not even a cigarette glow was visible anywhere..

The officers, nurses, and enlisted men on emergency watch went to their assigned stations with a minimum of delay and all were ready for whatever might happen in the way of bombs from the air or shells from an enemy ship off the coast.

The patients on all wards complied with instructions governing the situation and previously explained in detail to them by their ward officers. For men who had already been under enemy fire it was no new experience and their calm demeanor had a salutary effect on those who have yet to get within sound of gunfire.

It is not unreasonable to believe there will be occasion in the future to put the "black out" orders into effect in and around this hospital but it is a nice thought to hold that if and when the time comes every one will know what to do and where to be.

The black out lasted forty two minutes.

The consumption of iron ore for the first eight months of 1941 has risen 29 per cent over the comparable period of 1940.

LETTERMAN RIGHTFULLY PROUD OF ITS E. E. N. T. SERVICE

The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service at Letterman General Hospital has a record of achievement second to none in the larger hospitals, both civil and military, throughout the country.

In the belief that the functions and accomplishments of this section would be of general interest to our readers the Chief of the Service has prepared the ensuing paragraphs on that activity, and in covering the subject has divided the service into its two main sections:

EYE CLINIC

In the history of medicine of the eye, there are but two kinds of ophthalmology—that before and that after the invention of the **Ophthalmoscope.** Ophthalmology as a specialty had its beginning with the leadership of the great masters, Von Graefe and Helmholtz. Hermann Von Helmholtz (1821-1894), the inventor of the ophthalmoscope in 1850 was a Military Surgeon. Albrecht Von Graege (1828-1870) was the creator of modern eye surgery, and the son of a Military Surgeon.

For many years it was found necessary to have minimal requirements for vision in the Army. About the turn of the century these were 15[20 vision on Snellen's test chart, unaccompanied by other ocular defects. Now a candidate of the United States Military Academy must have 20[20 vision in each eye. The requirement for Officers in the Army of the United States are much less exacting during the present emergency.

Surgery on the eye has made great advances, both for the surgical removal of intra ocular cataracts, for the removal of growths from the exterior of the eye, and during the last generation in the correction of muscle anomalies or cross eye. Every well trained ophthalmogist at the present time is trained in the performance of these delicate and difficult procedures.

The Eye Clinic at Letterman General Hospital is well equipped with modern equipment for eye examinations. A Ferree-Rand Perimeter and slate used for visual field determination, a slit lamp, giant ophthalmoscope, an adaptometer, a projector chart, and a Phorometer for refracting have all been furnished the Eye Clinic.

The Operating Room has all necessary instruments for operative eye procedures including Electrocoagulation unit for treatment of retinal detachment. Before the present emergency most of the operative work was cosmetic in nature and dealt mostly with the correction of cross eyes and correction of defects secondary to trauma suffered in the various camps in this neighborhood.

Thousands of refractions were done in the past year and it is probable that this number will increase with the growth of Army and the influx of personnel through this Area. Many physical examinations for civil service and Army personnel were done also. In addition to this, a busy consultation service has been maintained with the other departments of the Hospital.

Just as the beginnings of ophthalmology and otorhinology go back into ancient medicine with Herophilus of the ancient Egyptians doing cataract extractions and with 15th century physicians doing nasal plastics, so the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic dates back to the very beginnings of Letterman General Hospital.



COLONEL STREIT, Chief of Service, and the officers on the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service. Left to right, sitting: Major Ray L. Allison, M. C.; Lieut. Colonel Paul H. Streit, M. C.; 1st Lieut. Meyer Schindler. Standing: Captain Eugene S. Hopp, M. C.; Capt. Vincent E. Johanson, M. C.; Lieut. Leslie Reichel, M. C.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

In 1899 Acating Assistant Surgeon George H. Richardson was in charge of the clinic which was located in one of the second story rooms of the administration building. The author of the annual report for that first hospital year was indeed prophetic when he wrote: "The work done amounted to no more than a beginning of what was to follow in succeeding years." There were five cases of eye disease treated in 1899. In 1900 the patients treated comprised mainly "acute inflammatory diseases of the coats of the eye and acute inflammatory troubles of the middle ear." Diseases of the throat and nose were practically nil. But the prophecy of the first writer was soon to be borne out.

In 1902 the amount of eye and ear work had increased so much that these cases were segregated in one of the general wards and a service established. In 1903 there were treated 341 eye cases, 146 ear cases and 250 nose and throat cases. It was early in the next year (1904) that the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat section was made a separate service, taking its place alongside the "Surgical and Venereal Services." The Clinic itself was enlarged so that "by the end of the year there were few modern conveniences not to be found on hand." Ward "C" was turned over to the Service and before long we find that cases throughout the West were being sent to Letterman General Hospital instead of to civilian specialists as they were formerly.

It is interesting indeed to contrast these humble beginnings of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service with the condition in which it is in now. The Clinic now occupies one-half of the second floor of a two story building of permanent construction. In this section, which also contains the Eye Clinic, there is nearing completion a new Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic containing two new E.N.T. Units which are considered the last word in examination and therapy. Two similar units have already been installed in a new E.N.T. Clinic Annex recently opened on the wards. The Service now has three activated wards.

There were 1460 operations performed on the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service during the year 1941, and a total of 35,533 examinations and treatments in the various clinics. Thus the prophecy of "the work done amounted to no more than a beginning of what was to follow in succeeding years" has been borne out.

The officers on duty in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service are:

Lt. Colonel Paul H. Streit, Medical Corps, Chief of Service.

Major Ray L. Allison, Medical Corps, Chief of Eye Section.

Major Robert P. Rea, Medical Corps, Chief of Ear, Nose and Throat Section, Executive Officer, and Ward Officer of Wards K-1 and L-2.

Captain Eugene S. Hopp, Medical Corps, Assistant to Chief Ear, Nose and Throat Section.

Captain Vincent Eric Johanson, Medical Corps, Assistant, Ear, Nose and Throat Service.

First Lieutenant Leslie Riechel, Medical Corps Reserve, Assistant Ward Officer.

First Lieutenant Meyer Schindler, Medical Corps, Assistant to Chief of Eye Section.



MAJOR ROBERT P. REA, M.C.

OFFICERS' CLUB OFFERS HAVEN FOR LONG EVENINGS

The Honorable Secretary of the Officers' Club has announced that, with the approval of the Commanding General, the club will be open for the use of the officers on the twenty four emergency roster nightly between the hours of six and eleven o'clock.

The club has provided a reading room with magazines, and daily papers available for use. There will also be recreational facilities in the form of ping pong tables, or table tennis to those who take the game seriously. Addicts of bridge may have a corner for themselves and the devotees of the Great American Game have not been overlooked in the preparations.

Those who like a late hour snack will never note the absence from proximity to their own refrigerators because hot coffee or chocolate with sandwiches will be served at ten o'clock. Soft drinks, cigarettes, and candy will be on sale and exchanged for the usual chit.

Wives and members of officers' families are cordially extended the privilege of the Club during the open hours.

Existing uniform regulations will be observed as well as wearing the gas mask as prescribed.

Ben—I'm continually breaking into song.

Gladys—You wouldn't have to break in if you get the key.

Timmy—You know, darling, seeing is believing.

Ed—I'm afraid that old saying doesn't hold good any more. If it did, how men could believe the women of today.



NURSES ON DUTY with the E. E. N. T. Service, reading from left to right, front row: 2nd Lieut. Jessie Whytoshek, ANC; Miss Ann L. Campbell, RN; Mrs. Dorothy L. Kampisted, RN. Back row: 2nd Lieut. Agnes Doyle, ANC; 2nd Lieut. Vivian Berrgren, ANC; 2nd Lieut. Gladys Nichols, ANC.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Second Lieutenant **Joseph I. Murray**, Medical Administrative Corps, has been assigned to the special service schools again, his former station. Lt. Murray before he went to officers' candidate school, was the 1st sergeant of these schools for over a period of nearly 10 months. In fact, he helped draw up plans for the schools, and was a very important factor in seeing that the functions of the schools were performed in an orderly and satisfactory manner. Lt. Murray has now been assigned as adjutant, assistant detachment commander, and assistant supply officer of the schools. Everyone in the schools is glad to see him and best of all we are happy to have such an outstanding officer in our midst.

On the early part of this week 62 students from the Moffett Field Medical detachment arrived at these schools. This was the largest contingent of students to be sent to these schools from any station since this organization has been operating.

Staff Sergeant **John T. Young**, acting 1st sergeant of the special service schools for the past four months, has been seen lately displaying a new set of chevron stripes. He was promoted to the rank of 1st sergeant on January 1, 1942. This columnist believes that 1st Sergeant John T. Young has done a marvelous job discharging orders, handed to him by the commanding officer, to the many enlisted men and students of the detachment; he has displayed the fine qualities which are typical of any 1st sergeant in the United States Army!

Sergeant **Hilmer A. Fauske**, enlisted instructor of the surgical school, was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant the early part of this week. Other men to be promoted to the ranks of noncommissioned officers: Private First Class Jennings Lyon, sergeant; Private First Class Delmar E. Carlson, sergeant; and Clovis L. Walker, sergeant.

First Lieutenant **Chester G. Moore** has been reassigned as assistant instructor of the surgical school, he also was assigned the duties of supply officer, and was relieved of the duties of adjutant, the early part of this week.

Among the men to receive specialist ratings last week were Private First Class **Robert J. Ransom**, enlisted instructor of the pharmacy school, was disrated 6th class specialist and rated 2nd class; Private First Class **Alfred Rozadilla, Jr.**, company clerk, was disrated 4th class and rerated 3rd class; and Private First Class **Owen C. Campbell**, supply clerk, was rated 4th class specialist .

Two duty personnel men were appointed Privates First Class on the 1st of January, 1942. They were Private **Owen C. Campbell**, clerk, and Private **Allen E. Greendale**, enlisted instructor of the laboratory school.

Your reporter has noticed a very unusual thing and appears a little baffled. He has seen our recently married staff sergeant, **William L. Walker**, knitting very diligently, and with great dexterity. When asked who it was for he replied it was a pair of socks for himself. But, according to well-informed sources, your untiring reporter has found an entirely different answer. Remember, you did say you believed in the stork!!

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EDITORIAL

RUMORS

To the old soldier nothing is more familiar than the "Grapevine" source of information. Sometimes remotely based on fact but more often without any foundation. The men accepted such reports for what they were worth—nothing—and enjoyed the conversation generated by "the latest right from—"

To the young soldier of today another form of rumor is becoming well known. Rumor from a sinister source and all too frequently too silly to be believed by anyone with a grain of sense.

Not long ago a transport arrived here. It had sailed from the Orient prior to the outbreak of the war, was a long time on the voyage, and carried about a baker's dozen of patients. Within an hour after the ship docked a rumor went around that all of the vacant warehouses in one section of the city had been filled with the wounded from the war. Someone even phoned the hospital to verify the rumor and it was promptly denied.

A few evenings ago we had a "blackout" and a friend of ours offered the explanation for the alarm. It was done to cover the sailing of a troopship. The blackout lasted 42 minutes and not even able Americans can load, clear, and sail a ship in 42 minutes.

Similar rumors can be quoted at length but no matter how many we mention all are still rumors. For the sake of the gullibles who believe in rumors let us save them pain by refraining from passing them on.

The old soldier will readily forego the pleasure the old "grapevine" afforded him. The young soldier should be intelligent enough to realize that rumors can be dangerous and do his part to squelch them.

Remember rampant rumors may be ruinous.

THE OBSERVER SAW

We welcome to our staff the following two additions to the Army Nurse Corps Reserve who came to duty here this week:

Miss **Almira Lanfear** was born in Oakland, California, and later moved to Santa Cruz where she completed high school. Her professional training was made at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco where she remained for eight years after graduation in the capacity of supervisor. For two years she was secretary and assistant to Dr. Leo Eloessel, the internationally known diagnostician and surgeon.

Miss **Genevieve H. Olson** was born in Billings, Montana, finished high school in her home town and attended. Montana State College at Bozeman. She took her nurse's training at the Consolidated Deaconess Schools of Nursing at Bozeman and Great Falls, Montana. After graduation she did general duty at the Consolidated Deaconess Hospital at Billings, and then taking private duty for a while before joining the staff of the Billings Hospital at the University of Chicago.

Some of our members took that advice literally about having dental work done during the lull in activities. We do not want to mention names but three of the girls have been going around with swollen jaws.

Misses **Irma K. Kauffman**, and **Genevieve R. Corboline** have been released from the hospital and returned to duty.

Miss **Orah D. Stephenson** has been detailed to the kitchen where, among other things, she may learn to be a good cook if she isn't one already. Perhaps some night we may find rum tarts on the menu.

ANC



Some terrible hair cuts given by an alleged barber to some of our patients on Ward B-1. The same effect might have been attained by a miniature disk harrow.

Staff Sgt. **Bill Mendoth** back from his furlough and looking more like the man we used to know before he became a patient.

A bulletin from the secretary of an officers' club not too far away from here announced that at the afternoon parties there would be cocktails and **light canopies** served. If they gather to "chew the rag" why not use canopies?

Johnny Wolitarsky once again in his normal environment of the Post Exchange grill which he likes a lot better than a hospital bed.

Staff Sgt. **Erwin A. Falkenburg** getting a lot of attention from a lot of attractive young ladies all at the same time and he sort of wishes they would spread it out a little more.

Pvt. **Lewis B. White** breaking in a new pipe and doing a nice job of filling the surrounding air with aromatic odors.

Captain **George Bryant**, aviator of World War One, giving a pep talk to the young aviators of World War Two, and everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun at it.

TAKE A LITTER

Under the heading of vital statistics comes word from the 37th Division that "Red," the mongrel mascot of the Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, recently gave birth to four puppies.

As you might have guessed, the quartette of Army hounds were named respectively G-1, G-2, G-3 and G-4!

Had they been quintuplets, of course, the last born would have been named—"G-Whiz."

Bad harvesting weather in October in the southern part of the cotton belt caused the Agriculture Department to reduce its estimate of production by 41,000 bales to a total of 11,020,000 bales.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 11, 1942
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

Thomas W. Rigdon

Thomas W. Rigdon, 13-year-old son of Major and Mrs. Jonathan M. Rigdon, died at Letterman Hospital on Wednesday, January 7, following an illness of several months.



THOMAS W. RIGDON

During his stay here Tommy, as has was known, endeared himself to the doctors, nurses and attendants by his cheerful disposition and the courage with which he bore the pain incidental to his illness.

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of Our Lady, Presidio of San Francisco, on Friday morning, January 9, followed by interment in the Post Plot of the National Cemetery at the Presidio.

In addition to his father and mother, Tommy is survived by three sisters and a brother.

Nina—He said he would kiss me or die in the attempt.

Gladys—Well, what happened?

Nina—I remembered that he had no life insurance and I pitied his poor old mother.

BELL PEALS FORTH ON DARK AFRICA

Lt. Nelson Bell of Letterman General Hospital was born in Angola, West Central Africa. His father was a missionary teacher in Africa and has spent 40 years there at the same mission. This is a splendid record. Young Nelson was born December, 1910, and resided in Africa with the exception of one year until 1921.

Mrs. Bell, strangely enough, also was born outside the United States in the State of Costa Rica where her father was a merchant.

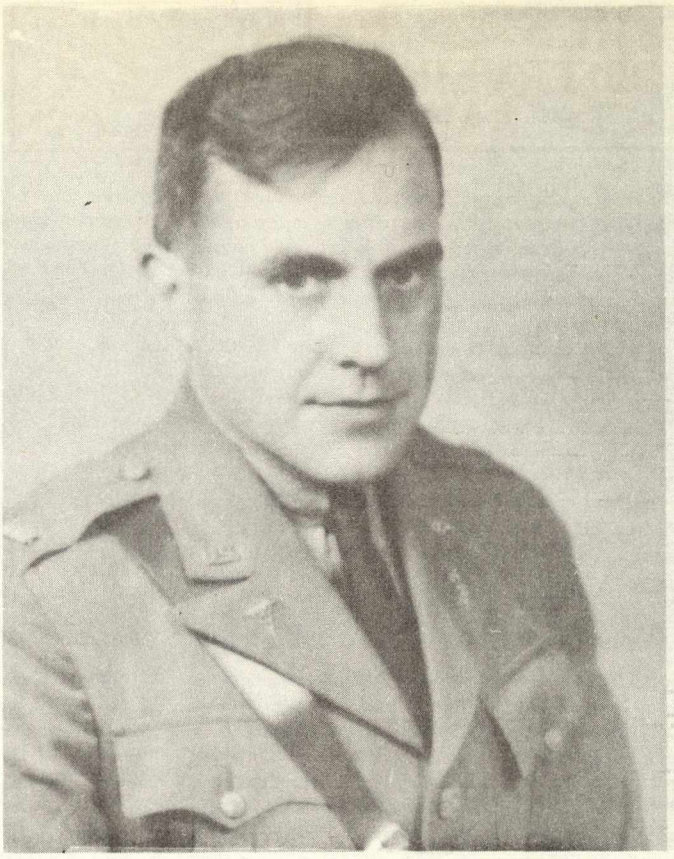
Lt. Bell has a host of memories that are as strange as they are exciting. Here is one for instance: His little sister one morning went into her father's dark room to see the family cat and her little kittens. While in there something seemed to "spit" at her. On second thought she called her mother who sent Nelson in to see about things. On the floor was a huge rock python 12 feet long! The snake had come in during the night—a door had been left open. Luckily the mother cat had sensed the danger of an open door and removed her kittens to safety.

The country in West Africa is usually clumps of forests with small plains in between. Lions are plentiful in the plains. Nelson's father once journeyed to the coast, a distance of 200 miles or so, and on the trip there, a brace of lions accompanied him, one on either side of his car. What to do? Luckily nothing happened. Perhaps it wasn't "lunch time" for Leo and Company.

The old river horse, as the Greeks called the hippopotamus, used to go grazing about in Mother Bell's garden and through Father Bell's river valley crops. Signs posted "Keep Off the Grass" didn't seem to be respected.

Lt. Bell says the natives were a good natured lot. He, as a child, played with the native children without a moment's fear. The white children went to separate schools. The native children learn well. They were taught to read and write and were trained in skills especially in carpentry and brick making. On completing these courses the skills were made use of generally. Usually the native student became in turn a teacher to another group of students and the flame of his achievement ignited the candle of others. Education is a going concern in West Africa.

The chiefs of the tribes at one time had numerous wives but under the influence of the Christian Missions and economics this practice has been all but eliminated. Similarly head hunting and "long pig" eating-cannibalism has ceased to exist. This was not because missionary children were "tough." They were, on the other hand, a very happy lot of children.



1ST LIEUT. NELSON C. BELL, M. C.

Music was the one big "release" for the African native. They are very musical. They have a thing which they play which resembles the xylophone. They also have another instrument that is so unique that it cannot be readily described.

The birds of West Africa are of all kinds. Eagles are there but song birds are not as plentiful as might be expected.

The country is 12 degrees south of the equator and to all intents and purposes the climate resembles Southern California. Once in 12 years young Nelson saw ice in his stay in West Africa.

The natives like the Americans. The people are easy going and kindly. They are democratic. Though they have little to say about it, they have an unusual bump of curiosity. The greatest "kick" is had out of the phonograph. Telephones are unknown. Messengers are cheaper and almost as fast. The natives are athletic and active generally.

Philosophy? Oh, yes, they think. They, like the Greeks, have a word for it, but what a word. Here are a few samples:

OHOMBO YOWINI YI LALA POSOMUA (The goat that belongs to everyone sleeps outside the pen.)

At night time under the cover of darkness the wild animals roam at will. With jackals, hyenas, leopards, lions and snakes on the eternal quest for something to eat, the native feels that it is his time to stay at home! They seldom like to be out or travel at night. Likewise it is good policy to protect livestock as well. A goat not locked up may not be found—neither hoof nor hide—in the morning. So a community goat, whose owners are legion, may become a prey to the wind animals. Hence the truism that if something must or ought to be done, somebody must be responsible for the doing of it!

Moral: What's nobody's business no one attends to!

KA CI LEMI KA CI NGAMYALA (That of little weight brings no pay.)

Built up from the African expectation that as a porter carrying a load you are entitled to a certain pay for doing so and that such pay is determined by the weight or size of the load in question. Therefore, those laboring under a heavy load of rubber or wax or an elephant tusk on a long trek naturally expect good pay while those carrying a simple handful of something of no weight ("ka ci lemi") should not in justice expect equal payment to him who had perspired and struggled with his load.

Moral; What costs you nothing is worthless.

OLONDAKA OVAVA OVILINGA ESEKE (Words flow like the river but deeds sink like sand.)

Simply records what is seen in any stream where the water passes freely and is gone while sand collects and forms little rifts owing to its weight and the eddying water.

Moral: One who makes many promises and is a free talker but never really does anything!

Lt. Bell has a few words on the native customs, feasts, celebrations, etc.:

"In West Africa you meet with many tribes who have no great religious anniversary days. Living off their fields and herds they do however recognize the fact that all life comes from sources outside of themselves and without the sun and rain and soil fertility life would soon flicker out. So they do have feasts, blessing the seed and when harvesting their crops they enjoy dancing, beer drinking, and carousing in heir moonlight night celebrations.

"Just realize that so much of the great population of Africa lies within the area of the Equator and those clans and tribes living south of it have their seasons reversed to ours. The September and October months become the planting months and on to the end of the year so many of the people are suffering from shortage of food, even famine, with their eyes fixed upon March and April as a time of plenty. So, at our New Year's time many are hungry.

"Christmas celebration always means the most to them and with their eyes they follow the long strings of pop corn enveloping the tree and leading from limb to limb. Many of them with scarcely more

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. HORACE R. BIRRELL

Pvt. Horace R. Birrell was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 3, 1918. He attended the public schools in that city and received his letter at West High School in swimming. He was inducted into the Army on February 17, 1941, and sent to Letterman General Hospital for duty. He has had several assignments and for the past two months he has been detailed with the Military Police.

On August 9, 1941, he married Miss Bettie Olson of Salt Lake City. He is well liked and takes much interest in whatever job is assigned to him.

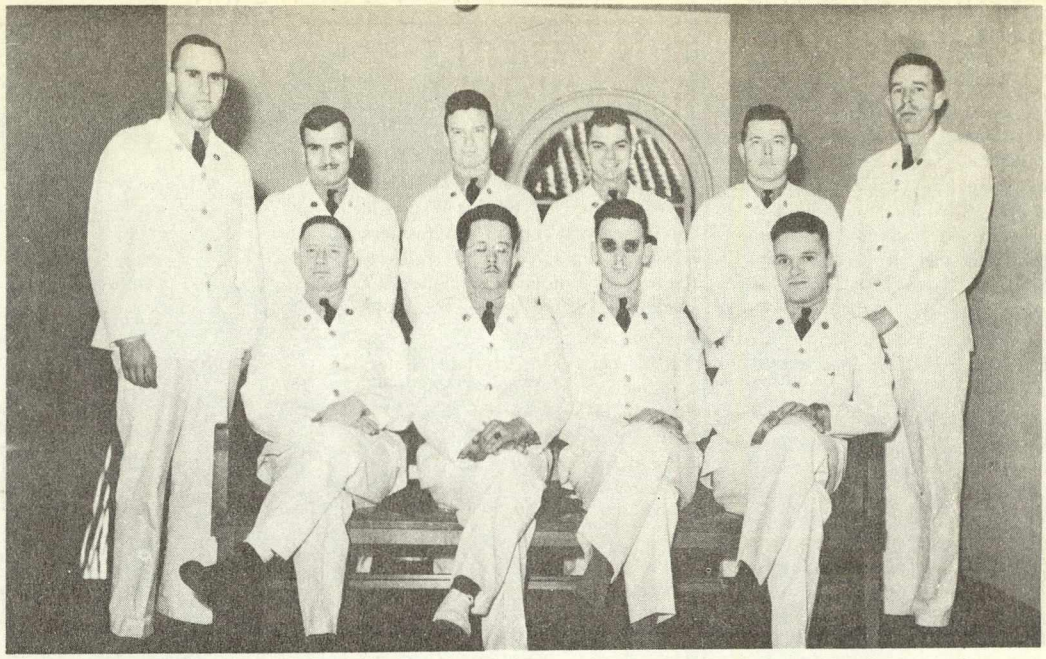


To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Gilbreath, 20th Pursuit Group, Air Corps, a son, John Lloyd, born January 1, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert J. Coture, Cadet Detachment Air Corps, a son, Robert Paul, born January 1, weight nine pounds, eight ounces.

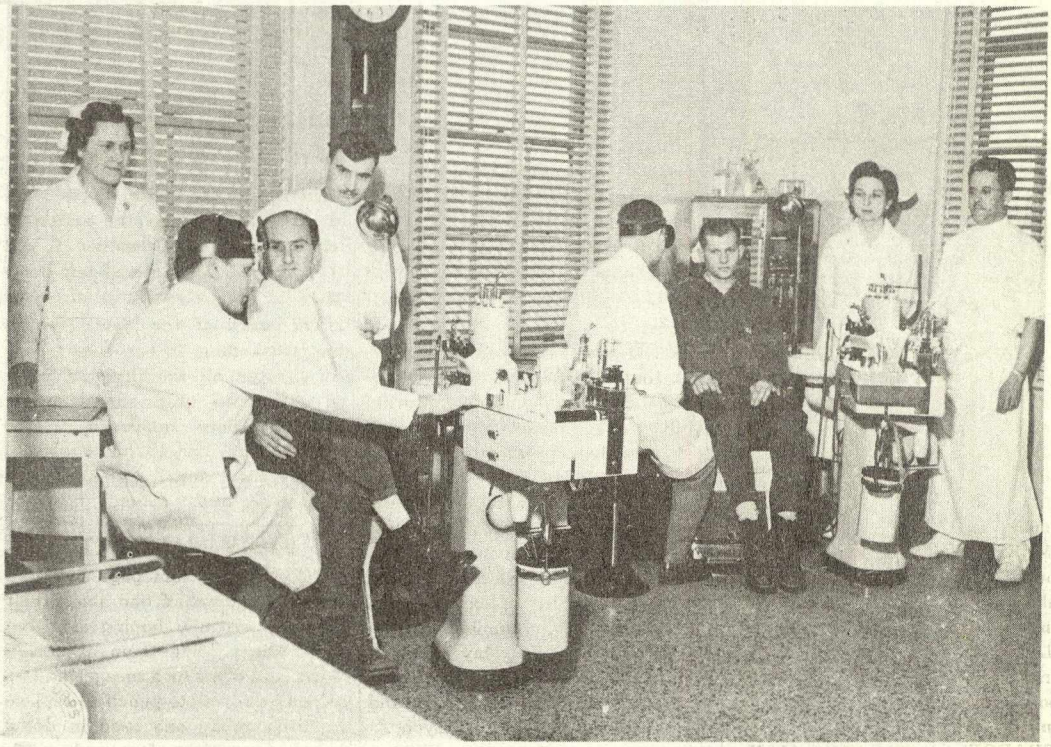
To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis P. Neal, Air Corps, a daughter, Margaret Mae, born January 1, weight eight pounds, one ounce.

To W. O. and Mrs. Leonard Gilsen, a son, born January 5, weight nine pounds, five ounces.



ENLISTED MEN, Medical Department, on duty with Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service, Letterman General Hospital. Reading from left to right, sitting: Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn, Sgt. Peter G. Santiago, Sgt. James E. Bohler, Pvt. 1st Cl. Charles E. Mulkey. Standing: Pvt. 1st Cl. Walter C. Smith, Pvt. 1st Cl. Edwin Goehring, Pvt. 1st Cl. Firmino B. Cavelli, Pvt. 1st Cl. John H. Steffler, Pvt. 1st Cl. Lowell D. Jenkins, and Pvt. 1st Cl. Ernest R. Williams.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



VIEW OF new E.E.N.T. Clinic annex in operation. Personnel from left to right: Mrs. Kampisted, Capt. Hopp, Patient Nathan L. Benson (in chair), Pvt. Goehring, Capt. Johanson, Patient Edmund Juraski (in chair), Miss Doyle, and Sergeant Santiago.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

NEW CHIEF NURSE GETS NEW POST



FLORENCE C. JACOBSEN
1st Lieut. Chief Nurse, ANC.

In compliance with orders received from the Adjutant General of the Army at Washington, D. C., Miss Florence C. Jacobsen, at present on the staff at Letterman was transferred to the hospital at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California, on January 8.

Miss Jacobsen was one of a group of five nurses who were recently elevated to the rank of First Lieutenant and Chief Nurse. She is a native of Oakland and a graduate of the Samuel Merritt Hospital of that city.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

January 11:
BAD MAN OF MISSOURI—Dennis Morgan and Jane Wyman. Also, Short Subjects.

January 13:
ALOMA OF THE SOUTH SEAS—Robert Preston and Dorothy Lamour. Also, Short Subjects.

January 14:
CHARLIES AUNT—Jack Benny and Kay Francis. Also, Short Subjects.

January 15:
MARRIED BACHELOR—Robert Young and Ruth Hussey. Also, Short Subjects.

January 16:
LADY SCARFACE—Judith Anderson and Dennis O'Keefe. Also, Short Subjects.

January 17:
SHADOW OF THE THIN MAN—Wm. Powell and Myrna Loy. Also, Short Subjects.

Hardboil—What are you looking so sheepish about this morning?

Ballyhooey—I couldn't sleep and counted 'em all night.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

January 12:
1868—General Orders No. 5 authorizes posts west of the Mississippi River to keep on "Spring Wagon for the transportation of paymasters" between posts, thereby relieving the necessity of carrying money bags strapped to their saddle.

January 13:
1863—Letter of Adjutant General to Governor of Rhode Island states that the President will accept infantry regiments of volunteers of African descent.

January 14:
1776—General Washington grants furlough to 50 men of each regiment, in order to induce them to reenlist.

January 15:
1891—Indians hold council with General Nelson A. Miles at Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, ending Indian War.

1923—Chemical Warfare Service contributes safe fumigation method for ship use.

1940—First school for substratosphere training over conducted by the Air Corps, opens at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

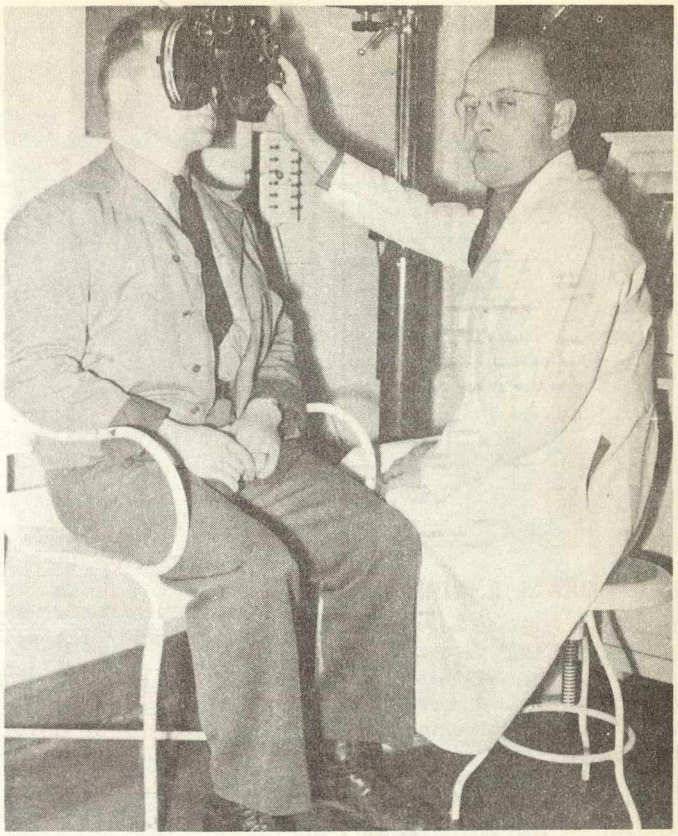
January 16:
1776—The Continental Congress confirms the appointment of Colonel Richard Gridley, formerly of the British Army, as the First Chief Engineer of the Army.

January 17:
1873—General Nelson A. Miles routs the forces of "Captain Jack" and "Curly Headed Doctor," the hostile leaders, in the Lava Beds of northern California.

January 18:
1798—High tension exists etween this country and the Republic of France due to the latter's capturing of many of our vessels and the crews treated with indignities. The militia has been mobilized, a big increase in the Army has been called for and there is a movement for the creation of a navy.

1861—The military post established at Ojo-del-Oso, New Mexico, named Fort Fauntleroy, commanding the First Dragoons. In May, Colonel Fauntleroy resigned his commission to join the Confederate Army and the post was renamed Fort Lyon .

More than 2500 calves in six counties will be vaccinated for Bank's Disease during the next few weeks under the supervision of the University of California Agricultural Extension Service. They will be vaccinated with the officially approved Culture No. 19.



MAJOR R. L. ALLISON, M. C., in action in the Eye Clinic.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

FOLKS LIKE GENE CAN BE USEFUL

The quotation given below from an official report on the action at Pearl Harbor on December 7 will be of interest to some of our associates on the Letterman staff:

"The work of the Navy dentists was outstanding. In one case a dentist directed all the first aid work on a bombed ship whose senior medical officer happened to be ashore at the time of the attack and whose junior medical officer was killed early in the action."

BELLS PEAL FORTH

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than a handkerchief tied about their loins are wistfully hoping also that Santa might bring them a pair of shorts or a dress or a meager shirt—yes, or even a slate pencil to replace the little subby one used in doing their lessons. Then afterwards weren't they all going to sing and play games? And they were sure their teacher was going to bring a bunch or two of bananas to divide among them. What fun it all would be! And what if somebody should kill a pig or bring in a buck to help out the humble fare of corn meal mush!

"Often in communities a number will club together and provide an ox for the feast and believe me none of him is wasted! The inward parts as well as the blood are greatly desired. The natives may have an intuition of where is to be found the greatest number of vital vitamins as the internal organs are select portions!

"The missionaries' children are especially elated over the many gifts they receive, many of them simple home made toys, or perhaps a live pup or a set of bows and arrows given by a chief made under the direction of one of his experts. Most prized of all by the natives is a red wagon."

Lt. Bell got most of his high school here in the United States. He did his college work at Pomona, Calif. He had his M. A. from Stanford in chemistry and he did his Medical Course in Stanford Medical School also. Splendid experience.

Mrs. Bell is also a very gifted and unusual person. While in college she was editor of the college paper and majored in journalism.

SEVERAL PROMOTIONS

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Captain in February, 1938, and his rank as Major dates from December 24, 1941. During his tour of service at Letterman he has been the Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service. It is interesting to know that Major Callaway and Major Helming were classmates at Northwestern, members of the same fraternity, had their internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and attained the rank of Major in the Medical Corps the same day.



MAJOR HAROLD I. AMORY, M. C.

Major**Harold I. Amory** was born in Virginia and made his medical studies at the Medical College of Virginia where he received his degree in medicine. He was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps on June 2, 1931, and to the regular army as 1st Lieutenant on July 1, 1933. He became a Captain on December 10, 1935, and his new rank of Major dates from December 24, 1941.

Major Amory's first station was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, after which he attended the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle. He later served at Fort Slocum and in the Hawaiian Department before coming to Letterman Hospital where he has been for the past two and one-half years.

Major **Wilson T. Smith** was born in Texas and received his degree in medicine from Bailey University of his native state. He was appointed to the army in Texas in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1931, and into the regular army in 1933. He was promoted to Captain on November 26, 1935, and to Major on December 24, 1941. He has been stationed at Letterman Hospital for the past year with duty at the Professional Service Schools.



MAJOR THAIR COZZENS RICH, M. C.

Major **Thair Cozzens Rich**.. was born at Ogden, Utah, and took his university work at the University of Utah. He made his medical course at the University of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Army on July 2, 1934. His first station was March Field, California, and later, after completing the course at the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle, he was stationed at Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Department for three years. He became a Captain on July 2, 1937, and obtained his rank of Major December 24, 1941. Since September of 1940 Major Rich has been stationed at Letterman Hospital and in that time he has been Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, Commanding Officer, Medical Detachment, and for the greater part of the past year has been Chief of the Outpatients Service.



MAJOR JOSEPH S. McGUINNESS

Major **Joseph Stanley McGuinness** was born at Ogden, Utah, but moved with his family in early life to San Francisco where he attended the Sacred Heart High School and the University of California. He took his degree in medicine from the Medical School of the University of California and for four years after graduation he did post graduate work in surgery at the University of California Hospital. He later took another year post graduate work in surgery at the University of Cincinnati Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps in 1931 and to extended active duty on November 15, 1939. He became a Captain in October, 1940 and ranks as Major from December 24, 1941. During his service at Letterman he has been ward officer on C-1 and Chief of Section in Clean Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Major**Oscar H. Helming** was born at Nutley, New Jersey, and his academic studies were made at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. He had one year of graduate study at the School of Chemistry, University of Illinois, before going to Northwestern University where he took his degree in medicine. He served as both intern and resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. He received a commission as 1st Lieutenant Medical Corps, Reserve, in November, 1933, and was ordered to extended active duty on February 14, 1941. He was promoted to Captain on October 27, 1941, and to Major on December 24, 1941. During his tour at Letterman he has been on the Medical Service and latterly connected with the East Hospital.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to: **Gabriel R. Hendricks** and **Robert E. McLaughlin**, appointed Staff Sergeants. To **Oscar R. Madsen** and **Ralph D. Hightower**, appointed Sergeants. To **Joseph A. Eastenovitch** and **Robert P. Gunthorpe**, appointed Corporals. And to **William R .Cain, Ora D. Conley, Arthur B. Cravens, Jr., Paul W. Ericksen** and **Paul L. Whitehead**, appointed Privates First Class.

Privates **Norman E. Stoeckl** and **Walter L. Boice, Jr.**, are awaiting notification of the time and place of the entrance examination for Staff Sergeant Pilot training. This training, if completed successfully, is of seven and one-half months duration and will net Privates Stoeckl and Boice Staff Sergeants appointments in the Air Corps. Success to you both.

On December 6, Private **Christopher F. Gannon** and Miss **Thelma Gracia**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gracia, Oakland, Calif., were united in marriage at the St. Francis de Sales Church in Oakland. The Bride and Groom spent a three-day honeymoon in Los Angeles, Calif., and are now at home on Linden Street in Oakland.

Private **John R. Terrill** of the Professional Service School and formerly a member of the Detachment, was also sent to Officers Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. It looks very much as though the men from the Potato state are doing their part in representing Idaho, and Pocatello in particular . . . four members of this detachment in three months.

Members of the Detachment will be interested to know that Sergeant **Harry Hall**, formerly of this Detachment, also has been sent to Officers Candidate School as a member of the Chemical Warfare Department. We wish you much success, Harry.

Interesting to see:

That Private **George W. Hargraves** has finally realized his ambition to transfer to the Corps Area Service Command.

Corporal **Merle C. "Windy" West** anxiously pacing the floor of the Service Club looking for two players to fill the gap in his orchestra in the flute department now that Privates **Jack K. Davis** and George W. Hargraves have left the Detachment. Windy sidled up and said, "Confidentially the band smells. They have all taken over two timing now when they play the Mid-Missouri Waltz instead of staying with four time. It's disgusting, and they can't do this to me."

Sergeant **Harry Ponerantz** all smiles now that there are six (6) free shows a week. "Man, oh Man!!" hummed Harry, figuring furiously, "a penny saved a penny earned, and let's see now—that makes 30 cents a night, 180 cents a week, 720 cents a month. Why I'll be rich and still see the shows."

Private **James J. Crowe** also wreathed in smiles now that Mrs. Crowe has come clear from Kansas City, Missouri, to be closer to her husband.

THE FOG HORN

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CHIEF CHAPLAIN NAMED FOR NEW FOUR-YEAR TERM

Departing temporarily from what has been the established policy of the War Department, the President on December 30 sent to the Senate the nomination of Chaplain William R. Arnold as Chief of Chaplains for a second four-year term beginning December 23, 1941.

Chaplain Arnold recently was promoted to the temporary rank of brigadier general pursuant to a special act of Congress while serving his first term as Chief of Chaplains. He will continue in this grade with headquarters in this city.

Chaplain Arnold was born in Wooster, Ohio, on June 10, 1881. He graduated from St. Joseph's College, Renssalaer, Ind., with the degree of bachelor of arts, and from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church on June 8, 1908, and served as assistant pastor of St. Charles Church, Peru, Ind., until the spring of 1913. After taking a three months post-graduate course at the Apostolic Mission House, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., he became a chaplain in the Regular Army, with the rank of first lieutenant on May 7, 1913.

Chaplain Arnold first served at Fort Washington, Maryland. During the World War he was in the Philippine Islands and at Fort Winfield Scott, California, successively as a chaplain, and at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, as an instructor at the Chaplains' School.

In May, 1925, Chaplain Arnold became director of the Chaplains' School at Fort Leavenworth for four years. After duty with troops he again became director of that school on July 2, 1937. He became colonel, Chief of Chaplains, on December 23, 1937, and owing to his increased duties following the national emergency, was promoted to brigadier general (temporary) on November 21, 1941.

NEW OFFICER SCHOOL OPENED FOR QUALIFIED ENLISTED CANDIDATES

All unit commanders in the Western Theater of Operations were directed to canvass their commands for men qualified to be trained as officers in the Army of the United States.

The directive, issued at the headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, provides for applications by enlisted men to attend the schools conducted by the various arms and services of the Army.

Applicants will appear before examining boards and those selected to attend the Officer Candidate Schools will be commissioned as second lieutenants upon graduation from the schools. The directive stipulates that in the event an applicant possesses qualifications for a branch of the service other than the one in which he is serving he may apply in either or both branches.

Qualified applicants who are not selected for a course beginning immediately following their examination may be called for a subsequent course. Candidates will be afforded the opportunity of taking the training as rapidly as the schools can accommodate them.

The principal qualifications for enrollment in the Officer Candidate Schools is leadership. To be accepted the enlisted man must have demonstrated this quality during his active service in the Army.

An applicant's mental fitness is determined by an examination known as the Army General Classification Test which is given to all enlisted men regardless of whether or not they seek to attend one of the Officer Candidate Schools. To be considered the applicant must have passed this test with a score of not less than 110.

Candidates shall be not less than 21, nor more than 28 years of age on the date of termination of the course for which application is made, except that any enlisted man who originally entered the service through induction, or whose original enlistment in any component of the Army of the United States was on or after August 27, 1940, or who re-enlisted on or after August 27, 1940, after a lapse of at least one year since last discharge from previous enlistment, shall be eligible, provided he will be less than 37 years of age at the termination of the course.

The candidates must be citizens of the United Sates. Those selected from replacement training centers must have served in the Army continuously for four months immediately preceding the opening of the course to which they are assigned. All others must have a maximum of six months continuous active service immediately preceding the course.

All candidates must pass the Army final type physical examination.

NEW ANTENNA FOR AUTOS

A new telescoping antenna for automobile radio sets can be raised and lowered from inside a car with a knob attached to the dashboard.

FLAX CROP INCREASED

The government of Northern Ireland is endeavoring to increase the area in Ulster devoted to raising fiber producing varieties of flax to 100,000 acres this year.

More Time To Apply For Government Life Insurance

A recent amendment to the National Life Insurance Act extends the time within which any one in active service may apply for insurance under the provisions of the act and without medical examination.

The amendment was approved on December 20, 1941, and extends from that date for a period of 120 days for all who wish to take advantage of dispensing with the physical examination. After that period expires all who are in active service may still take out the insurance but only after passing the usual medical examination.

The cost of insurance is very moderate and the protection it affords is not excelled by any private company doing business in the United States.

Every officer and man in the service should make adequate provisions for his dependents in this time of emergency and neglect of this important duty will, in many cases, work undue hardship on families.

The liberal attitude of Congress in the matter of providing financial protection to the families of service men should induce them to demonstrate their cooperation with the law making body of the nation. Policies issued under the National Life Insurance Act will run for five years and at the end of that time may be converted into other forms of insurance as may hereafter be established.

The Unit Personnel Office at Letterman Hospital will receive applications for insurance under the act mentioned above.

NO COFFEE SUBSTITUTES

Argentine will enforce regulations prohibiting the sale of coffee mixed with substitutes .

COMPETENT PHYSIO-THERAPY TREATMENT AVAILABLE AT LGH

Physical Therapy embraces the treatment of diseases and injuries by physical means in contradiscinction to medical and surgical procedures, but as an adjunct to them.

Since the earliest beginnings, when animals instinctively licked their own wounds to relieve pain some form of physical therapy has been practiced. From that natural beginning it has grown into a science which continues to develop with medical progress.

During and following the World War great strides were made, and we can point with pride to the fact that the Army is largely responsible for its progress, and for the beginning of its widespread use in civilian life. To the then Surgeon General of the United States Army, General Ireland, to Colonel Billings, and to Major F. B. Granger, must go most of the credit for such development. These officers, desiring to promote the aim of the Medical Department of the army "to restore to normal health and function, as speedily as possible"—recognized in physical therapy a means to that end and worked tirelessly to advance its use. During this expansion a training course in physical therapy was established at Walter Reed Hospital (The Army Medical Center) Washington, D. C. Here were accepted for training those women who were graduates of a four-year university course, with a major in physical education, since the background in anatomy and allied sciences essential in physical education, formed the best basic training for the required study in physical therapy. The post graduate training was first of six months, then of nine, and later of twelve months duration. Other hospitals and universities have since established training schools, accepting students who were graduates, either of a university or of nurses training. Other schools were also organized with very low entrance requirements, and with unqualified instructors. To correct this appalling condition a committee appointed by the A.M.A. investigated all major schools and finally approved only thirteen of them, of which Walter Reed was one. Since that time several other schools have been added to the approved list. The army accepts for physical therapy aides only those who graduate from one of these A.M.A. approved schools.



MISS ETHEL THEILMANN and her staff of Physio-Therapy aides. Left to right: Catherine Gibson, Margaret Alt, Ethel Theilmann, head aide; Frances Herbert, and Nora French.

Next door to the Officers Assembly Hall is that portion of Letterman given over to physical therapy, where daily during the past months, approximately 200 patients, both hospital and outpatients, have received treatment, consisting of any one or several of the varied modalities, massage, corrective or strengthening exercises, ultra violet (tanning rays of the sun), infra-red (heat rays of the sun), short wave diathermy, and other varied electrical treatments, whirlpool or water treatment. Where it is impractical or inadvisable to move a patient an aide, with such portable equipment as is necessary, goes to the ward to give the treatment.

The present staff at Letterman, headed by Captain William H. Ice, includes Margaret Alt, Julia Graves, Frances Herbert, and Ethel Theilmann, all graduates of Walter Reed, Nora French and Catherine Gibson, graduates of Stanford Physical Therapy Training School.

The majority of patients treated by physical therapy are orthopedic cases such as fractures, sprains, amputations, infantile paralysis, faulty posture, and nerve injuries. There are also cases of arthritis, neuritis, sinusitis, hemaplegias, skin conditions, and others in lesser numbers. In all cases, however, the prime aim remains the functional restoration to permit a return to active duty.

A Horse Laugh, But True

This one is going the rounds at Camp Lee, Virginia, where Technical Sergeant Jack Tierney passes it on.

A sentry at a motor cavalry camp heard hoofbeats one night. He called "Halt, who's there?" A horse whinnied and the soldier, a stickler for rules, called out: "Advance and be mechanized."

Muskrat-Truckin'

From Post Headquarters at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, comes this story of a hitch-hiking muskrat. Seems that a big Army truck stopped for a moment on a marsh-bordered road, and the muskrat hopped on, unnoticed, between the rear dual wheels—hanging on over miles of rough terrain where Army truck drivers are trained. Later, in a temporarily dazed condition, he was captured by Private, Ronald Pierce. Pierce turned a deaf ear to remarks from his fellow truck-drivers to the effects that muskrat coats are often worth $200 or more. Instead, he drove his little captive all the way back to the marsh, offering this little gem of Army philosophy as he drove off: "I don't need the money! I already get $21 a month!"

Only 16 per cent of the lowest income insured families interviewed in a test survey of 2,000 families had any other savings in banks, post-office accounts or credit unions.

RED CROSS LOSES THREE GOOD MEMBERS

Visitors to the Red Cross office during the coming week will immediately note the absence of some members of the staff from their accustomed desks.

No blitz attack has been made on the young ladies but the proportion of casualties could not have been any greater had the unit been under direct fire of the enemy. No less than three of the popular young members of the staff have betaken themselves elsewhere in the past week.



MISS DOROTHY G. SIMPSON

Miss Dorothy G. Simpson, who has been on the Medical Social Service staff since January of 1941 has accepted a transfer to Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver where she will be employed in a similar capacity. Miss Simpson has acquired many friends among the patients on the Surgical Service and she takes with her their good wishes, while they envy the new friends she will soon have at Barnes General Hospital.



MISS BARBARA WHITE

Miss Barbara White, who has been with the Social Service staff as a worker on the medical side of the hospital since September, 1941, tendered her resignation here to accept an appointment as probation officer with the Juvenile Court of San Francisco. Nature has endowed Miss White with an unusually cheerful disposition and a warmth of personality not too often found in the coldly professional social worker. The Juvenile Court has acquired an asset in the addition of Miss White to its staff.



MISS MARGARET E. McCARTHY

Miss Margaret E. McCarthy is the last of the trio to bid adieu to Letterman. She has been the office stenographer for the past 15 months and the girl with the longest service. Clerks and stenographers came and left but she remained. However, it is believed that Cupid has some influence in the move that will return her to her native Seattle.

All three young ladies will leave Letterman with the best wishes of the patients whom they have helped and the personnel who have enjoyed the association with them in the work of the hospital.

TANKS ARE TOUGH

This story is certainly getting around! . . . but listen and decide what you'd have done.

Private John Burns of the 114th Field Artillery, looked up from his post during maneuvers to see a big tank lumbering down upon him. He fired his machine rifles until they were empty but the tank kept coming. Tanks are like that. Finally it stopped within a few feet of him. As the tank operator popped out of the turret, Burns leveled an empty rifle at him and said—"Do you give up?"

The burly tank driver looked back and said—"Nah! do YOU?"

Private Burns looked at the huge tank and, rather wisely, we say, remarked—"Yeah! I give up!"

Q. M. NEWS

The Quartermaster Corps always has something rife happening around, about, or in it. Take, for instance, the occurence last week when the light supply in the barracks flickered on and off, due to some bug or other. The sight to have seen was Private Bearse running back and forth between flickerings to straighten out his jam-packed foot locker for an inspection in the morning. Those weren't nice things you were calling the electricians, now were they, chum?

Our detachment commander stating, after an early (for the QMC anyway) morning inspection, that the men had a great deal of run down heels. And to have them turned in for re-heeling. Did he mean the shoes they were wearing or the personnel itself?

Private Howell, ex-newspaper man, has a lot running through his hands lately. Having to print approximately five million letterheads keeps him busy most of the time.

Sergeant Borselli has a hard time holding on to his monthly stipend these past few paydays. Can you imagine, he puts the blame onto the game of chance in which he simply doesn't have much.

Private Jack Shurtz states that only in a movie in which the intrepid Ed. G. Robinson acts (i. e. Unholy Partners) would a big time gambler throw a pat hand consisting of a full house to draw four cards. I ask you, where else would such an incident like that take place?

Where some people's minds are when something important takes place is quite beyond me, unless it's dreaming of far away places with something soft and cuddly for a companion and I definitely don't mean a dog. Private Giovannetti could use that alibi as he has just finished a six-day restriction for not being in rank (or was he) for an inspection. However, those who know him give him credit for taking so much interest in his work.

Get a hold (not too familiar, though) of Private Bennets, ambulance driver, sometime and have him relate a few of his lurid experiences while on night duty. Some of them make one break out in a cold sweat, and others are facetiously told with suggestive whistles in his own inimitable fashion.

Only Real Colonels Are Good Enough For Wings

The public is slowly but surely learning the meaning of various Army emblems and insignia.

At Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, recently, Colonel N. A. Albanese, the post medical inspector, walked into a post exchange to make a purchase. The officer, who holds the full rank of colonel, noticed the young lady behind the counter eyeing him quizzically. Finally, she asked, "What is your rank, sir?" The Colonel informed her.

"But," objected the girl, "all the other Colonels have silver leaves on their shoulders—and you have a flying eagle."

The officer was about to explain at length that those who wear the maple leaf of silver are lieutenant colonels when suddenly the sweet young thing cut him short.

"Oh, how silly of me! I understand —of course! You're a FLYING Colonel."

HIS OWN SUIT

After a recent tour of duty at a nearby spot a group of Camp Haan, California, soldiers returned to their quarters late at night. Truck drivers put all luggage in the middle of the street and soldiers came by to claim theirs.

Next morning during a heavy fog Private Daniel Serrano stumbled over something soft. Just a bundle of rags, he thought, and he started to the trash can. En route he bumped into Mess Sergeant Slim Evans.

With an eye for economy the sergeant asked for the rags—he'd sell them and split the change. In his barracks he opened the bundle, found a shirt, pair of trousers and coat—all in good condition. He tried them on. They fit.

Then Sergeant Evans discovered he was wearing his own civilian clothes. The bundle had been lost from his duffle bag!

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EDITORIAL

Americans Can Take It

Every once in a while, when a group of men are gathered in one of those informal sessions, someone will raise the question as to whether or not the high standard of living enjoyed in this country has had the effect of making us soft.

Everything seems to come so easy in a land endowed with countless natural resources, a native ability in industrial accomplishments and broad achievements in commercial affairs, that effort is no longer necessary. And the query as to whether or not Americans can still "take it" does not meet with unanimity in reply.

The battle of Hawaii brought the matter to the fore and we believe we know the answer.

The men who have returned from that battle ground are ample evidence that at least the youth of the land can still take it. Victims of an unprovoked attack, and bearing the marks of combat, they demonstrate very clearly that the current generations of fighting men are the equals of the pioneers who carved the nation from the rugged terrain and the wooded hills and valleys.

A few minutes chat with our men evacuated from Oahu will convince the skeptic that Americans can still take it.

Of every 100 men starting a business career when they are 20, approximately 24 will have died before they reach 60—that is, when their earning power is greatest. At the end of another 15 years only 38 will be expected to be alive.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

January 19:

1807—Birth of Robert E. Lee, Confederate Commander-in-Chief during the War Between the States.

1912—American troops land in China to protect the railroad connecting Tientsin and Peking.

January 20:

1930—Secretary of War Hurley extends prohibition to U. S. Military forces throughout the world.

January 21:

1932—Six Army Bombers drop 10,800 pounds of rations to snow bound Navajo Indians in the district of Winslow, Arizona. This operation was instrumental in saving the lives of hundreds of Indians.

January 22:

1777—Brigadier General Arthur St. Clair becomes acting Adjutant General of the Army.

1807—In a message to Congress, President Thomas Jefferson reviews his proclamations of November 27th and calls upon all officers of the army to be on their guard and to search out and imprison all people involved in the conspiracy to set up an empire out of Spain's American Colonies. Aaron Burr is not mentioned, but it is clear to everyone that the President has information that connects Burr with the plot.

January 23:

1940—For the first time in American History, an entire battalion of Regular Army troops are flown 500 miles in 38 bombers. The movement took 342 men and 12 officers of the 65th Coast Artillery, with full field equipment, deep into the territory of a synthetic enemy.

January 24:

1920—Return of the American Expeditionary Forces completed.

January 25:

1911—Cavalry sent to the frontier to preserve neutrality in the Mexican revolt.

A FRIEND IN NEED

It actually happened; and it only goes to prove that sergeants ARE bighearted although sometimes naive.

This particular top-kick was approached by a member of his outfit who had received a telegram from his wife which read, "Expecting confinement within 24 hours!"

Instead of the expected offer of a leave, the generous sergeant offered to put up bail!



Since our last report there have been three additions to the nursing staff to whom we extend the traditional word of welcome.

Miss **Mary Katherine Shimmick** was born in Northfield, Wisconsin, but later moved to Mountain Iron, Minnesota, where she attended high school. Her professional training was acquired at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota. After graduation she did private duty at St. Mary's Hospital and was, for several years, on the staff at the Heinz Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Miss Shimmick has traveled extensively throughout the Orient and is well acquainted with the places which have been so frequently mentioned in military communiques in recent weeks.

Miss **Elizabeth Doyle** was born in Miles City, Montana, where she attended high school and received her training at the Holy Rosary Hospital in her native town. Since graduation she has done general duty in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Jordan, Montana, the Marcus Daly Hospital at Hamilton, Montana, and more recently at the Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Miss Doyle is a sister of Miss Agnes Doyle, who is also on the staff at Letterman.

Miss **Elizabeth Breitung** was born at Plymouth, Wisconsin, where she completed her high school course. She trained at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and on graduation continued there on general duty and was for some time night supervisor and supervisor of surgery.

Miss Breitung is a contemporary of Major Heling, who was in residence at St. Luke's during the time she was in training.

Miss **Beatrice Higgs** was born in Jamestown, New York, and graduated from the high school in her native town. Her professional training was taken at the South Chicago Community Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. For the past three years Miss Higgs has been doing general duty at the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago.

Miss Higgs was sworn into the Army Nurse Corps Reserve in Chicago and ordered to Letterman Hospital for duty where she reported on January 13.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 18, 1942
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Benefit Bowling Party Cheers New Veterans

The veterans of World War I are still fighting. They fought it out again on December 21 but this time it was a bowling tournament at the Loop Alleys on Kearney Street. The tournament was arranged by B. Sada, proprietor of the alleys, and the Keglers of the American Legion of the vicinity offered to participate and did their part to swell the total receipts of the night. One very generous contribution came from the pin boys who donated their pay for the night to the fund. The sum of $150 was realized and divided between the Army and the Navy. The share which came to Letterman Hospital has been placed in the Chaplains' Fund for the use of the men who are participants in the first battle of World War II.

Now, He Coughs Soap Bubbles

At Fort Warren, Wyoming, one Private Rust was doing Kitchen Police duty in his company's mess hall. The cooks thought a little candy for the men might be appreciated so they cooked up a batch.

While they were about it the cooks also made up a pan of soap. They set both pans out to cool. Private Rust couldn't resist the temptation for a bit of candy so he hastily dug a hand into the pan and clapped it into his mouth.

He sputtered and fumed, began to cough. That's right, Private Rust got a handful of soft soap instead of candy.

Lives of United States citizens, capitalized on earning power, are worth six to eight times as much as all capital and consumption goods and all personal wealth, industrial, farm and government establishments.



Our Guests of Honor



Leonard Alvin Barbour
Frank Rudolph Basa
Robert Harry Baldwin
Howard Joseph Beatty
Robert Lee Brown
Robert Earl Bloom
Robert Woodrow Bloxham
Louis Joseph Byrd
Raymond Antonio Carazo
George Clyde Cosgrove
Charles Walter Craig
Robert George Crouse
Lincoln Myron Crum
Sydney Arthur Davis
Charles Richard Deeter
Joseph John DeFendis
George Glenwood Dudley
Benjamin Franklin Esley
Irwin Arthur Falkenburg
Robert Dee Hamrick
John Lawrence Harrison
Charles Ward Hill
John Peter Holloway
Howard Edward King
George Kissel
John Neal Lee
Harold Lenburg
Lewis James Lott
William David Lovelace
Furman Calhoun Martin
Paul James Metcalf
Richard George McGlung
Eugene Edward Napier
Leonard Michael O'Hara
Ben Odette
Edward Martin Ovecka
Joseph John Panek
James William Pryor
John Nathan Richards
Ray Vernon Rickard
Walter Henry Rockman
Malcolm Donald Sackett
Roger Francis Sampson
John Valentine Setera
Julius Bertram Sidak
Edwin Gerard Smith
Walter Henry Smith
Walter Snowdon Smith III
Joseph Matthew Stimatz
Horace James Tiffany
Edwin Alan Tischbirek
Vernon Dick Tomlinson
Anthony Thomas Travaline
Garrett Clifford Tyra
Larry Benjamin Velarda
Clifford Clinton Ventress
William Arthur Vernon
Richard Frank Vore
Charles Warrick Wells
Louis Jules Wiedling
Lewis Beam White



MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to: Marshall H. Hughes, appointed Private First Class.

Transferred from the Medical Replacement Center, Camp Grant, Illinois and reporting for duty here at Letterman are the following Privates: Anthony G. Rotkovitch, Vincent Pasquariello, Donald E. Stone, Logan E. Silvey, Robert A. Rice, George Rust and Donald F. Bozarth. We extend a welcome to these men, and hope their duties at Letterman will be pleasant.

Old faces in new places: Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., James D. Henley, and Everett H. Beery formerly stationed at this detachment and later placed on the reserve list in the "over the twenty-eight year old age" bill are back in the service. Dunn and Henley can be found at 4th Army Headquarters and Berry can be found in the main hospital bakery. It is nice having you back again, fellows.

Two weddings of interest were held during the past eight days. Private Edward A. Arnaiz and Miss Donna Sue Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barnes, of Watts, Arkansas were joined in marriage by Judge Clarence W. Morris of San Francisco at 10:30 a. m. January 8.

And Sergeant Bartholomew J. Guarisco and Miss Naomi T. Busch, daughter of Mrs. M. Maloney, Spokane, Washington were married last night in the Post Chapel at Letterman. Chaplain Harry A. Shuder officiated at the ceremony.

Following the wedding the couple had a reception and dinner at the Monaco Club. Twenty-five guests were invited. Sergeant and Mrs. Guarisco will be at home to their friends at 1030 Castro Street.

Interesting to see: Private Andre R. Pascal proudly showing two very pretty and charming young lady friends "from home" the sights.

Private Alfred Rozadilla, Jr. asking Sergeant Herman R. Knoller to lend him a nickel because he had a date and would need that much to go out. Five cents is cutting corners rather close, isn't it Rozadilla?

Corporal Joseph A. Eastenovitch and Privates George R. Sistek and August DeMarco proudly pointing to the Associated Press Picture in the Call-Bulletin Newspaper of Jan. 6.

BUCK OF THE WEEK

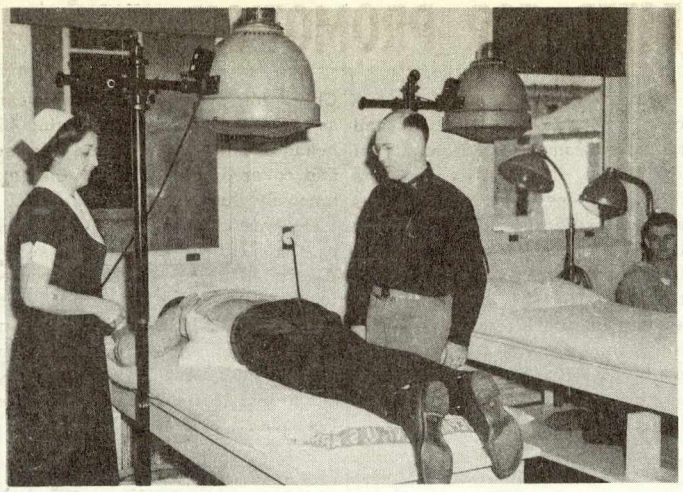


PVT. EDWARD A. ARNAIZ shown before panel control board of hospital broadcasting system.

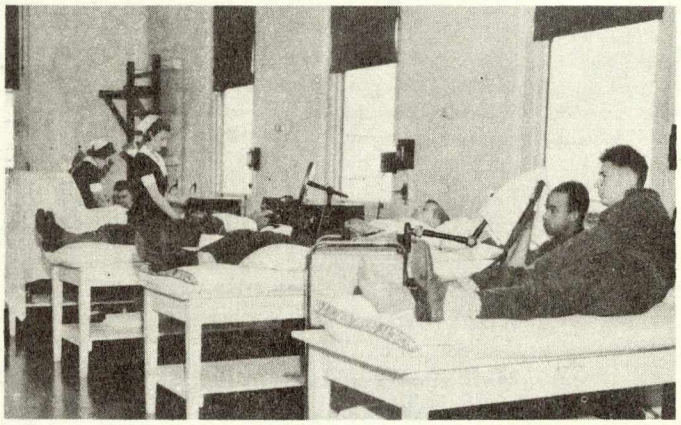
From a large cattle ranch and dry-farm in the vicinity of San Jacinto, California, comes Private Edward A. Arnaiz. He was born March 23, 1917, on this same ranch and spent practically the entire first 23 years of his life there except during the winter months while attending the public schools in near-by San Jacinto. After completing high school Pvt. Arnaiz took the life of the rancher seriously and devoted his time to the cultivation of the 2000-acre dry-farm and supervision of the stock on a 2500-acre ranch. He also worked for the State Forest Preserve during this time, driving the big Caterpillar Bulldozers making the fire prevention ridges.

On October 8, 1940, Pvt. Arnaiz answered the call to the colors at March Field, California, and shortly thereafter was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington. He was transferred to Letterman on the first of December, 1940. Until July, 1941, Pvt. Arnaiz worked in the Wards, being appointed Ward Master of K-2 in April. And in July he was transferred to the Radio Room to assist Sergeant Chauncey D. Young.

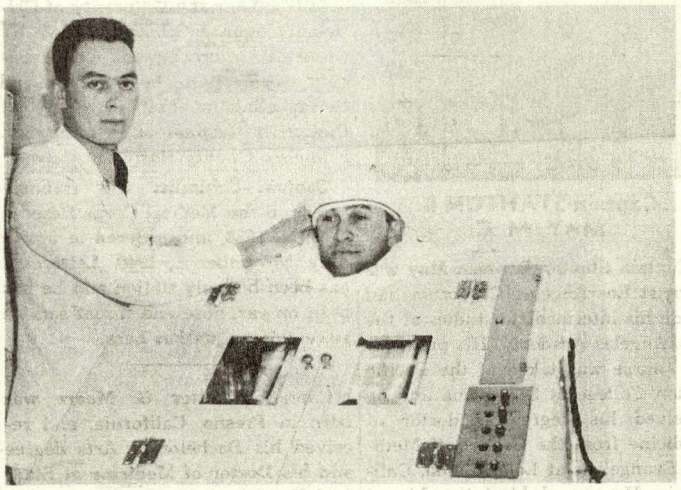
Pvt. Arnaiz's aptitude for mechanical appliances, plus the actual knowledge assimilated from a course in the fundamentals of Steam-Electric Motors has made him an important cog in the rebroadcasting of the radio program to the various wards throughout the hospital.



Infra-Red Lamp in operation in Physio-Therapy treatment room with Miss Ethel Theilmann, Head Aide, and Captain William H. Ice, M. C., officer in charge of department, supervising.



Short wave machines used in Physio-Therapy treatments shown in action. In the rear of the room are Miss French and Mrs. Herbert giving massage treatments.



Pvt. Herman Buschman, on the outside of the Cabinet Bath in the Physio-Therapy Department, and Pvt. Marino Baggese getting the heat put on him.

MISS ROSE GOES TO VICTORVILLE



MISS EMMA E. ROSE
1st Lieut. Chief Nurse ANC

The vacant chair, but only temporarily vacant, at one of the tables in the mess hall, was formerly occupied by Miss Emma E. Rose, who has gone south to her new station at Victorville. Miss Rose is a native of Greenville, Ohio, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati General Hospital. She was appointed by the Army Nurse Corps on April 5, 1937, and has had but one station during her entire service—Letterman General Hospital.

Miss Rose was promoted to Chief Nurse in August of last year and now goes to assume direction of her own hospital and staff.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

January 18:
BLOOD AND SAND—Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell. Also Short Subjects.

January 20:
WEEK END FOR THREE—Dennis O'Keefe and Jane Wyman. Also Short Subjects.

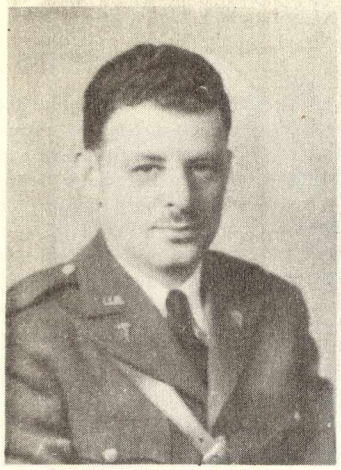
January 21:
WILD GEESE CALLING—Henry Fonda and Joan Bennett. Also Short Subjects.

January 22:
Not scheduled.

January 23:
SUN VALLEY SERENADE—Sonja Heinie and John Payne. Also Short Subjects.

January 24:
H. M. PULHAM, ESQ.—Hedy Lamarr and Robert Young. Also Short Subjects.

LGH OFFICERS SELECTED FOR PROMOTION



Major GERSON R. BISKIND, M. C.

Major **Gerson R. Biskind** was born at Cleveland, Ohio, and made his academic studies at the Western Reserve University of Cleveland and at the University of California at Los Angeles. He received his degree as doctor of medicine at the University of California Medical School in 1932.

He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps Reserve, in 1932, and ordered to extended active duty under that commission on November 20, 1940. He was promoted to Captain June 24, 1941, and Major December 24, 1941. All of his service has been at Letterman General Hospital where he has been on duty with the laboratory.

Major Biskind is a member of the American Board of Pathology, and held a National Research Council Fellowship in 1937 and 1939, while he was an instructor in pathology at the Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, Maryland. For one year he was an instructor in pathology at the University of California Medical School.

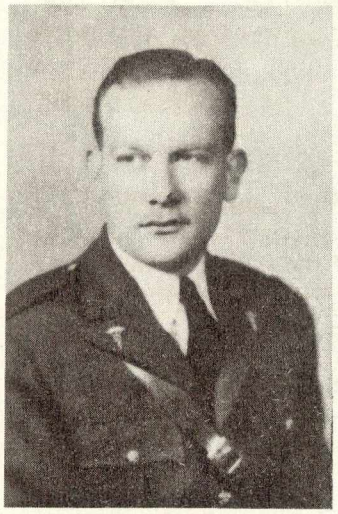
Major Biskind is a member of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists; the Society for Experimental Biology in Medicine; the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions; the American Association for Advancement of Science; the American Federation for Clinical Investigation.

The Major has published more than thirty-five monographs and articles on hormones, vitamins, and cancer.

Major **Robert T. Terry, M. C.**, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from Yale University at New Haven, Conn., with the Class of 1929. His degree in Medicine was awarded at Washington University in 1933 and following that he served his internship in St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis. He later was assistant Resident on the Medical Service of Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., and left there to take an appointment as Resident in Pathology in the Baltimore City Hospital.

Major Terry received his commission as 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps-Reserve, in 1933 and was promoted to Captain in 1939. He became a major on December 24, 1941. During his tour at Letterman he has been on the staff of the Special Service Schools.

The new Major is a member of the Medical Society of the City and County of Denver, and an associate of the American College of Physicians. His home is in Denver, Colorado.



Captain STANTON B. MAY, M. C.

Captain **Stanton Bonham May** was born at Los Angeles, California, and made his intermediate studies at the Los Angeles Academy. His premedical course was taken at the Pacific Union College at St. Helena and he received his degree as doctor of medicine from the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California. He served his internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. Captain May then went to China for a period of three years as a medical missionary, having his headquarters at Peiping and Hankow and covered the country rather extensively during his service there.

He was appointed 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve on August 11, 1937, and was ordered to extended active duty four years later to the date, at Letterman General Hospital, where he has been in the Medical Service. He was promoted to Captain, Medical Corps, on December 24, 1941.



Captain MEYER SCHINDLER, M. C.

Captain **Meyer Schindler** was born in New York City, made his premedical studies at the University of California and took his degree in medicine from the University of California Medical School in 1938. He served his internship and was a resident physician in the ear, nose and throat clinic at the University of California Hospital and at the San Francisco County Hospital.

Captain Schindler was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in July, 1938, and ordered to active duty November 1, 1940. Letterman has been his only station and he has been on ear, nose and throat service since joining station here.

Captain **Chester G. Moore** was born in Fresno, California, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree and his Doctor of Medicine at Stanford University. He was appointed to the Medical Corps Reserve June 24, 1940, and ordered to extended active duty on August 4, 1940. He was promoted to Captain December 24, 1941. All of his service has been at Letterman Hospital where he is on the staff of the Special Service Schools.

Captain **Morton A. Meyer** was born at Ottumwa, Iowa, where he finished high school and later received his degree in medicine at the University of Iowa in 1938. He served his internship at Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, and was a resident physician in medicine at the same institution. He also held an appointment as resident in medicine at the University of California hospital.

Captain Meyer was appointed to the Medical Corps Reserve in June, 1939, and ordered to extended active duty at Letterman Hospital in November, 1940. He was promoted to captain December 24, 1941.

During his service at Letterman Captain Meyer has spent almost all of his time with the Receiving Office and the Outpatient Service.



Captain THOMAS A. BRODERICK, M. C.

Captain **Thomas A. Broderick** was born in San Francisco and attended Stanford University and the University of San Francisco before graduating in medicine from Rush Medical College at the University of Chicago. He served one year as an intern at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago and two years at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. In 1939 he was appointed a contract surgeon and assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital.

He was appointed to the Medical Corps Reserve on July 1, 1940, and ordered to extended active duty on August 14 of the same year. He became a captain on December 24, 1941. Letterman General Hospital has been his only station.



Captain WILLIAM S. CALDEN, M. C.

Captain **William Stephen Calden** was born in Oakland, California, made his premedical studies at the University of California in Berkeley, and took his degree in medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He had his internship at the Alameda County Hospital where he was later in residence for three years in obstetrics and gynecology.

Captain Calden was appointed to the Medical Corps Reserve in August of 1938 and ordered to extended active duty on February 24, 1941. He was promoted to the grade of captain December 24, 1941. His only station on extended actve duty has been Letterman Hospital where he was first on clean surgery and at present on the obstetrical service.



Captain WILMER H. STARR, M. C.

Captain **Wilmer H. Starr** was born in Garland, Wyoming, and took his medical degree at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Los Angeles, California. He was commissioned in the Medical Reserve Corps in September, 1940, and ordered to extended active duty at Letterman Hospital a month later. During his tour of service here he has been on duty with the Medical Service, Ward G, and for the past two months has been with the Outpatients Service and the Receiving Ward.



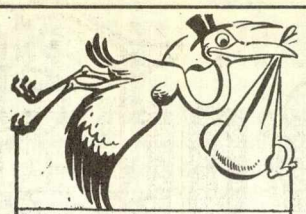
Captain GEORGE V. POTTER, M. C.

Captain **George Vernon Potter** was born in Chicago, Illinois, and attended grade and high schools in that city. He took his degree in Medicine at the University of Illinois in 1937 and served his internship in the Southern Pacific Hospital of San Francisco. Following that he held a residency in Providence Hospital of Oakland. For two years prior to reporting for extended active duty he practiced medicine in Oakland.

Captain Potter was commissioned in the Medical Corps-Reserve in 1939 and his new rank of Captain dates from December 24, 1941. All of his active duty has been at Letterman Hospital on the Medical side.

In order to receive adequate dental care, the average American should spend more time with his dentist than with his doctor, says Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the College of Dentistry of the University of California.

The Lutheran church is making plans for the celebration in 1942 of the 200th anniversary of the arrival in this country of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, founder of the Lutheran Church in America.



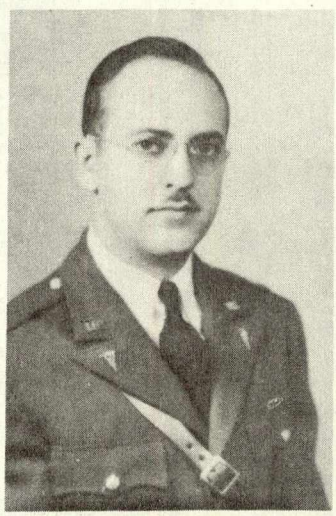
The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Clarence D. Swanson, 6th Coast Artillery, California, a son, Charles Eugene, born January 8th, weight 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. James P. McGuire, Fort Mason, California, a son, Dennis Peter, born January 8th, weight 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. James K. McManigal, San Luis Obispo, California, a son, Gerald Lawrence, born January 8th, weight 7 pounds.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Rubard Begg, 69th Infantry, a son, Richard Coleman, born January 8th, weight 7 pounds, ¼ ounce.



Captain WOODROW W. SCHMELA, M. C.

Captain **Woodrow Warner Schmela** was born at Hooper, Nebraska, on June 13, 1909. He went to high school in Norfolk, Nebraska, and received his degree as doctor of medicine from the University of Nebraska in 1937. He made his internship at the University of Nebraska Hospital and for two years was resident in radiology at the same institution. Following that he took a six months course at the Memorial Hospital in New York City and later engaged in the practice of radiology at Santa Barbara for one year.

Captain Schmela was appointed to the Medical Corps Reserve in 1937 at Letterman General Hospital where he has been on the Radiological Service since reporting. His rank of captain dates from December 24, 1941.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Among the enlisted instructors and men of this detachment to return from detached service the early part of this week were Sergeants LeRoy R. Sixberry, and Albert H. Kachner, Private First Class Allen E. Greendale, and Private Everward V. Cruea. All of them journeyed to the eastern coast and reported an extensive tour of the country.

Major Wilson T. Smith, detachment commander of the schools, returned early this week from detached service. Major Smith reported a very fine trip but said he was glad to be with all his friends again.

Private First Class Benjamin T. Shedoudy, "Deacon" for short, clerk at school headquarters, was seen riding around in a large Packard, Sunday afternoon, and with a very beautiful girl. When questioned about the young lady he replied it was a well-known debutante. No further information could be ascertained as to the identity of this young lady!

Three new students arrived for courses of instruction—they are Private First Class George Davidowitz, Privates William P., Jr., and Haven E. Jones, from Med. Section, CASC 1907, Fort Lewis, Washington. All students will pursue a medical technician's course.

William B. Gambril, former supply clerk of the school detachment, who was discharged from here about three months ago, was a visitor at the schools on Monday morning of this week. He spent a very pleasant day visiting his old friends and coworkers, and said everything looked grand to him. Gambril, who is about to be drafted, is planning to volunteer here, according to latest reports.

Pope Pius XII broadcast an appeal to Chile during the convocation of the National Eucharistic Congress in Santiago to preserve religious faith.

Seven more men were taken from the University of California staff for military service last month; three were taken for national defense work in California and in Washington, D. C.

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New Short Wave Transmitter for San Francisco

Actual construction was started today at San Francisco on the transmitter for KWID, the world's most powerful short wave radio station, expected to be put on the air this spring by the Associated Broadcasters, Inc., operators of KSFO.

Plans for the transmitting housing ahe under the direction of Royal V. Howard, chief engineer for KSFO, collaborating with William Ambrose, San Francisco architect. Harold B. Hammill, also of San Francisco, is civil engineer for the project, supervising structural design and foundation work.

Present KSFO transmitter housing and ground faciliies are being completely redesigned at a cost, including the transmitter, approximating $250,000. Substantial additions being made will include an entire new wing to house the many new engineering features necessary to handle the super-power output for maximum efficiency under actual operation.

One of the many unique features reported by Engineer Howard is the antenna switching roundhouse. It will house the switching mechanism for the new high efficiency beams. While KWID will have an operating power of 100,000 watts, the high efficiency antenna will give it a peak beam equivalent to 5,200,000 watts, Howard said.

General Manager Dellar and other executives are giving careful study to program plans for KWID, which will be heard daily in Alaska, the Far East, Australia, the Orient, South and Central America, and Mexico. The powerful short wave will cooperate closely with the of-

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AVIATION CADET REQUIREMENTS REVISED FOR NEW ENROLLMENTS

Revision of Aviation Cadet requirements for bombardiers, navigators and pilots in the Army Air Corps through reduction of the age limit to 18 years, institution of a uniform simplified test in place of the previously required written examination or college credits, and extension of eligibility to married men, was announced today by the War Department.

In the past, application for Aviation Cadet Training was limited to men between 20 and 26 years of age. The new age limits provide for the acceptance of men between the ages of 18 and 26, inclusive. This applies not only to aircrew members, as bombardiers, navigators and pilots are designated, but also to Air Corps ground officers, who, as Aviation Cadets, receive instruction in armament, engineering, communications, photography and meteorology.

A revision already in effect is the extension of eligibility to married men. Heretofore, only unmarried men have been given training as Aviation Cadets, but under the change authorized a married man is eligible providing he submits, along with his application for enlistment, a written statement that his dependents have adequate means of support. This revision applies equally to candidates for aircrew training and for training in the ground courses.

The new "screening test" authorized will be given to all applicants for aircrew training as bombardiers, navigators and pilots. There will be no exemptions because of college credits earned. The test, in which the applicant will choose the correct answer from five possible answers given for each question, is designed to determine the applicant's fitness to pursue successfully the courses of instruction in Air Corps training schools.

Through the wide revisions in requirements approximately 2,000,000 more men become eligible for enlistment in the Army Air Corps.

Enlistment for such training is open to civilians and to the personnel of any component of the Army. An applicant must be in excellent health and have been a citizen of the United States for at least the 10-year period immediately preceding enlistment.

Immediate enlistment and appointments as an Aviation Cadet is possible under a revision of procedure and the establishment of an increased number of Cadet Examining Boards in each of the nine Corps Areas in the Nation. Application for information may be made to any United States Army Recruiing Station, to any Corps Area Headquarters, or to the adjutant of any Army post or organization.

An applicant will be directed to the nearest Cadet Examining Board, to which he should take three letters of recommendaion signed by citizens of established standing in his community, and a birth certificate or other documentary evidence of date of birth.

He will be given a physical examination similar to that given to Reserve Officers called to active duty, except that as a prospective flying officer he will be required to have "20/20 eyesight" and normal color perception. He will be given the simplified "screening test" and examined by the board in formal proceedings for the purpose of deter-

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Army Assignments Afford Ample Chance To Travel

An interesting example of the way in which men from all sections of the nation are brought together in recent military expansion is revealed in a group of 55 medical replacement soldiers who reported for duty on this post recently. Seventeen states and 48 cities and towns are listed to show a broad geographical cross section. From the smallest town to the largest city in the country these soldiers have come to take up their work at Letterman after rigid training in the medical field.

From New York to California, from Wisconsin to Texas, from every strata and walk of life this group has come, united with one purpose —that of serving their country to the best of their ability and to keep the same high spirit of morale, cooperation and zeal that has been maintained by all those who have come before them.

Following are the names and former locations of the recent arrivals:

Clarence R. Anderson, Detroit, Mich.; John D. Barrow, Rye, Tex.; Irving Bender, University City, Mo.; Paul B. Benkert, Louisville, Ky.; Gustav Bingen, Palermo, N. D.; Werner N. Blackstad, Chicago, Ill.; Jerry Blaha, Fonda, Ia.; Henry S. Craft, Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Lawrence Evans, Independence, Mo.; Agraham Fairman, Union, N. J.; Frank Farson, Des Moines, Ia.; Worthington Garner, Glendale, Calif.; James L. Gleeson, Monterey, Calif.; William Halvorsen, Thief River Falls, Minn.; Richard Herzog, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frederick N. Hotine, Elgin, Ill.; Alfred Klein, Passaic, N. J.; Menry Konopka, Detroit, Mich.; John W. Kozak, Frackville, Pa.; Henry Kra-

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS PUTS OUT HEREABOUTS

The following article was prepared by Master Sergeant R. P. Rowell, Q.M.C., who has been Chief Clerk in the Quartermaster Office for the past 20 years and is now the Administrative Assistand to the Quartermaster.

A perusal of the article will fail to disclose a single mention of the writer's name in connection with any of the Quartermaster activities but everyone around here knows he is very much a part of everything done by and through the Quartermaster Corps at this hospital.—The Editor.

The affairs of the Quartermaster Corps of the Hospital are administered under the able supervision of Captain Lewis S. Parody, Q.M. Corps, who recently succeeded Lt. Colonel Everett Busch, Q.M. Corps, as Quartermaster of the Hospital. Captain Parody is assisted in the performance of his duties by Lieutenants Maurice R. Brice and Jackson Ford of the Q.M. Corps.

Captain Parody was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 7, 1902, and received his education at several schools and universities located in various sections of the United States. He was commissioned in the Quartermaster Section, Officers' Reserve Corps on July 30, 1925, after having served for several years with the 22nd Engineers, New York State Guard, and the 102nd Engineers, New York National Guard. He served on active duty with the Army in connection with C.C.C. activities, from May 1, 1933, to October 20, 1937. During this period he served in Idaho, Oregon, California and New York as Company Commander, Assistant District Executive Officer, and District Inspector. He returned to the C.C.C. in August, 1940, after having functioned as New England Manager for the Hurley Machine Division, Electric Household Utilities Corporation of Chicago, Ill., with his headquarters at Boston, Mass. He was still on C.C.C. duty when called to his present tour of active duty which commenced May 8, 1941, at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

Lieutenant Brice was born at Greenville, Illinois, on October 19, 1914, and graduated from Berkeley High School in 1932, after which he attended the San Francisco State Teachers' College. He was commissioned in the Quartermaster Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps on February 7, 1939, and for the past 14 months has performed active duty as Assistant to the Quartermaster, Presidio of San Francisco, until February 24, 1941, when he joined this Hospital as Assistant to the Quartermaster.



THE POST QUARTERMASTER and the officers of his staff. Left to right: 1st Lieut. Maurice R. Brice, Captain Lewis S. Parody, Post QM; and 2nd Lieut. Jackson Ford.
—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

Lieutenant Ford was born at Sacramento, California, on August 16, 1913, and graduated from University of California on May 20, 1935, after which he was associated with the Emporium in this city as a buyer, and later as a divisional sales manager for a manufacturer, with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. He was commissioned in the Quartermaster Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps on March 7, 1941, and for the past five months has performed active duty as Assistant to the Quartermaster of the Hospital.

Under existing regulations, Captain Parody, as senior officer of the Quartermaster Corps on duty at the Hospital, is responsible to the Commanding General of the Hospital for the proper conduct of all activities of the Quartermaster Corps at the Hospital. In general, these duties consist of the following:

Administrative and disciplinary control over all Quartermaster personnel.

The procurement, storage, sales, issue and accounting for all supplies and equipment necessary for the command, and the maintenance and operation of the Hospital, other than those items of supplies and equipment of the Medical Department coming under the jurisdiction of the Medical Supply Officer.

The furnishing of all rail and motor transportation requirements of the command.

The collection and disposal of all salvage and waste materials.

The operation of Printing Plant which provides all requirements of printing for the Hospital, as well as for the entire West Coast.

Such other duties as may be specifically assigned from time to time by the Commanding General of the Hospital or the War Department. Among these additional duties, currently assigned, are:

Post Signal Officer, Post Chemical Warfare Office, Post Fire Marshal and Post Utilities Officer. As Post Utilities Officer, he is charged with the maintenance and operation of all Post Utilities and the maintenance and repair of all buildings and their equipment. These latter duties are comparable in scope to those of a Manager of Utilities of a City and require constant and diligent supervision, consuming a large portion of the time and energy of the Quartermaster Corps.

In order to present an understandable view of the functions of the Quartermaster Corps at the Hospital, the following brief statements of the work being performed by the various departments and activities are given:

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

This division functions under the immediate supervision of Master Sergeant Charles A. Chambers, Q.M. Corps, the Chief Clerk of the Quartermaster's Office, under the guidance of pertinent regulations and procedures and under policies established by the Quartermaster. In brief, the functions of the division are as follows.

Coordinates and correlates plans and advises with the other divisions and activities of the office in all matters pertaining to general administration.

The administration of all civilian personnel of the Quartermaster Corps, including their employment and separation, payrolls and the maintenance of all required records. These duties are performed by Mrs. Sue M. Greenwell, who has served as Principal Clerk of the section for the past 10 years. The civilian personnel of the Quartermaster Corps has grown from 29 to 91 in the past two years in order to keep pace with the expanding activities of the Hospital, and the annual payroll of this personnel now averages $90,000 per year. This division also performs various duties not specifically assigned to some other division or activity, such as the handling of all mail and records; the preparation of numerous estimates and reports, and edits correspondence, reports, requisitions and records emanating from the other activities of the office.

SUPPLY DIVISION

This division comprises two principal branches, i.e., "Subsistence" and "General Supplies and Clothing and Equipage."

The General Supplies and Clothing and Equipage Branch functions under the immediate supervision of Lieutenant Jackson Ford, who is assisted by Mr. Herman F. Frash as Principal Clerk. Mr. Frash has been engaged in these duties for the past 18 years, and in point of service is among the oldest employes of the Hospital, and renders invaluable service in the management of the Property Office, as this activity is most always referred to. The functions of this branch are, briefly: to store, procure and supply all requirements of the command, and all items of Quartermaster Supplies, other than

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SCHEDULE OF MAIL DELIVERIES

Schedule of Dispatches to and from Letterman Hospital and Rincon Annex, effective January 14, 1942, is published for the information of all concerned.

Leave Rincon Annex	Arrive Station	Run Number	Leave Station	Arrive Rincon Annex	Mails Carried
		WEEK DAYS EXCEPT SUNDAY			
* 7:30 A.M.	* 8:07 A.M.	Auto 8	8:10 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	All
*11:35 A.M.	11:50 A.M.	2021	*12:15 P.M.	*12:55 P.M.	All
* 3:15 P.M.	* 3:35 P.M.	2021	* 3:40 P.M.	* 4:25 P.M.	All
		SATURDAYS ONLY			
* 7:30 A.M.	* 8:07 A.M.	Auto 8	8:10 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	All
*11:35 A.M.	*11:50 A.M.	2169	*12:15 P.M.	*12:40 P.M.	All
		SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS			
* 7:45 A.M.	* 8:10 A.M.	Aux. 200	8:15 A.M.	9:20 A.M.	All
*11:30 A.M.	*11:50 A.M.	2131	*11:55 A.M.	* 1:00 P.M.	All

*Denotes registered dispatches.

Mail to go out on departure hour must be in the Post Office at least one-half hour prior to hour of departure.

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subsistence stores; to maintain proper records and to account therefor as required by existing regulations. This requires painstaking and diligent work in order to meet the requirements of the command and at the same time protect the interests of the Government and of the accountable officer. During the past year 2,220 men were equipped; 249 requisitions were prepared, and 2,554 vouchers to the accounts were handled by this branch. During the same period well over $200,000.00 worth of supplies were received, stored, issued and accounted for.

The Subsistence Branch functions under the immediate supervision of the Sales Officer, Lieutenant Maurice R. Brice, wro is assisted in the performance of his duties by Technical Sergeant Charles F. Brechtel, the Noncommissioned Officer in charge, and Master Sgt. Jack Greenwell, Retired, in charge of procurements. Like all other activities of the Hospital the business handled by this branch has grown by leaps and bounds. Some idea of the work being handled can be gleaned from the following:

Charge sales accommidations are afforded 250 customers and there are at present approximately 500 cash customers.

Monthly sales to a total value of $43,000.00, representing an annual business of $510,000.00.

Post procurements of approximately $40,000.00 per month, or $480,000.00 annually are being made, in addition to those items received on requisition on the San Francisco Depot and Market Center.

Sales of subsistence items to a value of $37,353.14 were made to the General Mess alone during a single month, representing an annual sale of approximately $450,000.00.

The following quantities of some of the more important items of subsistence stores are representative of the monthly turn-over:

3,050 Lbs. of bacon
21,600 Lbs. of beef
6,200 Lbs. of butter
10,100 Lbs. of chicken
3,500 Lbs. of coffee
9,750 Doz. of eggs
2,500 Lbs. of ham
50 Gal. of honey
1,200 Cans of grapefruit juice
2,500 Cans of evaporated milk
39,000 Qts. of milk, fresh
35,000 Lbs. of potatoes
10,000 Lbs. of sugar

In addition, the Post Bakery, which operates as an adjunct of the Subsistence Branch, produced 235,519 pounds of different varieties of fresh bread during the past year at an average cost of 2½ cents per pound.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

This division consists of two branches, i.e., Motor and Rail, the functions of which are indicated by their titles.

The Motor Transportation Branch is operated under the immediate supervision of Lieutenant Jackson Ford, assisted by Technical Sergeant Dave Gimble, Medical Department, as noncommissioned officer in charge. There are at present 24 motor vehicles in operation, and the following statistics for the past year give a good idea of he work being performed by this service:

Total mileage traveled..101,285 miles
Total freight hauled..... 21,000 tons
Total Ambulance calls.. 7,000

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MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT P. ROWELL



MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT P. ROWELL, Q.M.C.
Administrative Assistant to Post Quartermaster

Master Sergeant Robert P. Rowell was born at Florence, South Carolina, and completed the public school course in his native village. He enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on August 25, 1913, and was assigned to 36th Company, CAC, with station at Fort Mott, N. J. and later went with his organization to Fort Mills, on Corregidor Island in Manila Bay. In December, 1915, he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and has been with that branch of the service ever since.

He saw service with the A.E.F. in Siberia from August, 1918, to March, 1920, and came to duty at Letterman Hospital as Chief Clerk to the Quartermaster in November, 1921, and he holds the same assignment today.

He was discharged as Technical Sergeant on his first enlistment and all subsequent discharges have been in that grade or the next higher—Master Sergeant.

Mr. Sgt. Rowell enjoys the respect and confidence not only of the officers of his branch but is held in high esteem by the Commanding General and all of the officers on duty at this hospital. He is highly competent and comes about as near to being indispensible as any human may attain to that category.

It is time that friends of those who are about to wed depart from the time-worn shower tradition and sprinkle the happy couples instead with Defense Bonds and Stamps. In this way, 8 olive forks and 19 book-ends would be avoided; Uncle Sam would have his defense program helped along; and the couple would start out with money in the bank and means of buying what they really want when they get settled and seriously think about home-making.—*Press Herald*, Portland, Maine.

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EDITORIAL

CENSORSHIP

On Sunday last the University of Chicago Round Table discussed over the radio the plan and scope of censorship under the provisions of the law establishing the office of National Censor.

The official censor took part in the discussion and outlined his interpretation of the purpose of the law. As a veteran newspaper man he is ideally fitted for the responsibilities of his office and the public expression of his view of the subject reached a satisfied audience.

All of us will agree with the necessity of suppressing or withholding news of possible value to the enemy and all of us will go along with any program having that end in view.

On the other hand, a lot of us will disagree with those who set up voluntary censorship on their own authority beyond the confines set by established law. And still more of us will decline to go along with any program dictated solely by the premise that certain items of news are not good for us to know.

Any democracy may claim that classification only so long as the constituent members are fully informed on matters pertaining to the public good whether affecting it favorably or adversely.

We hope the voluntary censors will bear that in mind.

1st Actor—I played Hamlet once, in the West.

2nd Actor—Did you have a long run?

1st Actor—To tell the truth, it was seven miles.



The recent call for nurses for the defense forces must be meeting with success judging from the number of volunteers responding for duty with the defense forces. During the past week four Reserve nurses have joined our staff and we bid them welcome.

Miss Helen Renkes was born in Morrison, Ill., and finished high school in the home town before enrolling for training in St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. After graduation she did general duty in the same hospital until she joined the army in Chicago on January 12, 1942 and was ordered to Letterman for station.

Miss Elizabeth E. Foster was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and went to high school in Bradenton, Florida, before attending the University of Florida. She went back to Brooklyn to take her professional training at St. John's Hospital, where she remained for staff duty following her graduation. She was also on the staff at Park East Hospital in New York city. She was sworn into the service at Fort Jay, N. Y. and assigned to station at Fort Ontario whence she was ordered to this hospital for duty.

Miss Helen Strammer was born in New York city and attended the Bushwick High School in Brooklyn before taking up training at the Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia. She did private nursing following graduation for two years in New York and then came west to San Francisco where she has been on the staff of the County Hospital and at Laguna Honda Home. She has also done public health work for Health Department of the City and County of San Francisco.

Miss Kate Anni Haenisch was born in Hilo, Hawaii and made her high school course in Seattle and Berkeley. Her professional training was received at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco where she was graduated in 1941.

Miss Haenisch has been a regular commuter across the Pacific between Honolulu and San Francisco for the past fourteen years. She has been appointed to the Regular Army and Letterman Hospital is her first station.

We will all miss Captain Emily Weder who has gone along with the Corps Area Staff to the new headquarters at Salt Lake City. Perhaps her duties will bring her this way occasionally and the latch string is always out for her.

Miss Merchelle Norton has left the hospital on sick leave while Miss Carmelita Varni and Rosaleen V. Kelly have been admitted as patients.

Miss Ann B. Bakaler is acquiring some national publicity after appearing on the front page of the FOG-HORN a few weeks ago. That photograph was sent out to over six hundred daily newspapers by the National Enterprise Association and the Acme Photo Service sent it to eighteen hundred weeklies.

Another pair of inseparatables—Miss Dreyer and Miss Bohling.

9TH CORPS HQRS IN NEW HOME

The headquarters of the Communications Zone, Western Theater of Operations, and Ninth Corps Area, closed at the Presidio of San Francisco at noon today (Sunday, January 18) and opened at the same hour at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The move, which was announced on December 19, 1941, places the headquarters of the Communications Zone, Western Theater of Operations, and Ninth Corps Area, in a better position to carry out its supply, transportation, and other important administrative duties in the Western Theater of Operations.

Major General Jay L. Benedict commands the Communications Zone and the Ninth Corps Area. His headquarters at Fort Douglas, which is adjacent to Salt Lake City, is near the center of a railroad and highway net and is thus well situated for carrying out its administrative functions.

To facilitate the transaction of business, a small section of the Communications Zone headquarters will be maintained at the Presidio of San Francisco, including for the present the Civilian Conservation Corps Division and sections of a few other offices.

The headquarters of Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commander of the Western Theater of Operations, which comprises California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and Alaska, remains at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, January 25, 1942
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

ARMY ASSIGNMENTS

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mer, Chicago, Ill.; Edmund Kubiak, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank Liskanich, Powhatan Point, O.; Henry Mazzei, Kenosha, Wis.; William Morris, Houston, Tex.; Donald F. Moxley, Rothville, Mo.; Albert Napolitan, Braddock, Pa.; Melvin Natho, Woodsboro, Tex.; John P. Norris, Seattle, Wash.; Charles Oltean, Encorse, Wash.; Frank Paden, Macksville, Kan.; Joseph Pagan, Dearborn, Mich.; Kimmel Parsons, Westernport, Md.; Frank J. Pechachek, Allentown, Pa.; Melvin Pederson, Oakland, Calif.; Hager W. Powers, Scorse, Mich.; Herbert D. Rosenburg, New York, N. Y.; Raymond E. Ryckman, Shullsburg, Wis.; Kenneth Sack, Spring Valley, Ill.; Daniel Sackash, Dearborn, Mich.; Charley Schleider, Brenhan, Tex.; Gerald Schuppner, Milwaukee, Wis.; Tony Simonick, Hermansville, Mich.; Lou Slott, Los Angeles, Calif.; James Starkey, Kerrville, Tex.; Harry Stern, Chicago, Ill.; Samuel Terravechia, Dearborn, Mich.; Edwin W. Thompson, Cleveland Heights, O.; Martin W. Tolzmann, Chicago, Ill.; Dominic Varallo, Patterson, N.J.; Donald Viering, Barberton, O.; Wilver Wessel, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; William A. Young, Enterprise, Ore.; Milton Carlson, Lead, S. D.; Nathan Edelstein, Bronx, N. Y.; Michael Galay, Malvern, O.

Not gold, but only men, can make
A nation great and strong.
Men who for truth and honors sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others shy,
They build a nations pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

—Emerson

ADDITIONAL LGH PROMOTIONS



Captain MILTON TINSLEY

Captain Milton Tinsley was born in Chicago, made his high school course in that city, and attended the University of Illinois for his pre-medical studies. His degree in medicine was awarded at the same university in 1935. Following graduation he accepted an internship in Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

Captain Tinsley then did some post graduate work as a psychiatric interne in Elgin State Hospital. Nothing personal in the classification. Next in order came two years in neurology and neuro-surgery at the University of Illinois under Dr. Eric Oldberg. After that the captain held a fellowship for one year in Neuro-Surgery at the Lehey Clinic under Dr. Gilbert Horrax. He was later an instructor in neurology and neuro-surgery in the University of Illinois Medical School and attending neuro surgeon in the Illinois Research Hospital and the Mt. Sinai Hospitals in Chicago.

His appointment as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps-Reserve occurred in December, 1940. He was ordered to extended active duty in March, 1941, and assigned to Fort Sam Houston. He later went to Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells, Texas, and from there he was ordered to Letterman on September 1, 1941. His promotion to captain bears date of December 24, 1941.

The surgical staff of Letterman Hospital is indeed fortunate to have a medical officer with the background, training, experience, and ability of Captain Tinsley. The University of Illinois awarded him the Master's Degree in Neuro Surgery in 1939.

He is a bachelor.

Captain Lester Jacob Sawyer was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and finished his high school work in Benton, Illinois. He took degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in the University of California and his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the Medical School of the same university, followed by two years of post graduate study at Yale. He was later an instructor in Anatomy and Bio-Chemical Research at the University of California. In his private practice has specialized in nutritional diseases and donated his services for several years to the Canon Kip clinic in San Francisco.

Captain Sawyer was appointed 1st Lieut. in the Medical Corps-Reserve in 1936 and ordered to extended active duty at Letterman General Hospital in November, 1940. He was for a time assistant to the Mess Officer but on the relief of Colonel Grant he succeeded to the big desk.

His hobby is boat building and sailing.



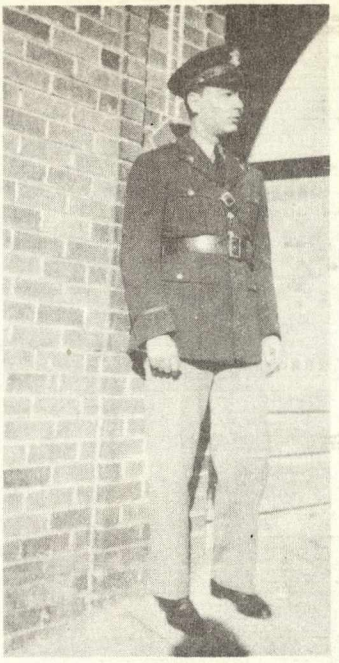
Captain LESTER J. SAWYER

LEAPING LENA

One morning recently the commanding officer of the Pensacola Harbor Defenses at Fort Barrancas, Florida, was looking over his reports. Among them he found an official accident report made out by a driver of one of the Army's new but justly famous bantam cars. The soldier had written:

"I was leaving the dock when the chow cans came apart and got in the gears; and the Jeep jumped over the dock."

Amazing animals — these Army Jeeps!



Captain ARTHUR L. BURKS, M. C.

Captain **Arthur Lynn Burks** was born at Holdenville, Oklahoma, attended high school in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and was a student for three years at the Oklahoma Baptist University before enrolling at the University of Oklahoma Medical School where he was awarded his degree of medicine in 1939. He served his internship and assistant residency in medicine at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco.

Captain Burks was appointed 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve in June, 1939, and was ordered to extended active duty on November 20, 1940, at Letterman General Hospital where he has been connected with the Neuropsychiatric Service since joining station. He ranks as captain from December 24, 1941.

NEW SHORT WAVE

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fice of the Coordinator of Information, headed by Col. William J. Donovan, and the Defense Communication Board.

Both Dumm and Dellar state the entire facilities of the station will be available to the all-out war effort of the nation. KWID will be on the air from 17 to 20 hours daily with news and entertainment in 10 different languages.

MEDICAL DETACH

From Carlisle Barracks, Officer Candidate School comes greetings from Private John R. Terrell to all the men of the Detachment and School with whom he was acquainted. Jack says the work agrees with him even though there is not much time for pleasure or even letter writing.

We Wonder:

Why Private James J. Crowe insists that his wife return to Kansas City, Missouri?

If wedding bells are being gotten ready for Privates William L. Fuller and James G. Gust?

If Sergeant Thomas R. Bell is going to precipitate another war between the north and the south by continuing to escort the very charming young lady from "up north" and also continue his correspondence with his beloved from "down south?" "Could be," quotes Bell, "she's a little rebel, that southern miss."

Why Sergeant Charles E. Vandervoort has decided that he doesn't have to make his bed in the mornings? Maybe that was assumed when the stripes were added.

How Private Andrew J. Campbell managed to miss his train so conveniently on his last trip with a patient? A mere four days wasn't it "Andy?"

Why Sergeant Chauncy D. Young would go to a downtown Theater on his one free evening a week after operating the projection machine at the Post Theater the other six nights of the week?

Interesting To See:

Private Robert A. Beach on the receiving end in the "complaint department." It seems that Private Beach used to complain to each cook in the Mess Line as he was served at every meal. Now Private Beach is greeted by each cook in turn with, "what's wrong today, Beach?"

Corporal Rosco J. Willey busily cleaning windows in his room at 10:30 p. m.

Sergeants Ralph R. Gustafson and Thomas R. Bell out to get pneumonia in Pneumonia. Pneumonia is Sergeant Gustafson's automobile—so named because it is sans the usual accessories that are standard equipment in most automobiles, and including a wind shield.

Q. M. NEWS

This week the civilian employes of the Quartermaster break into print. By so doing they're chalking up another good deed by further carrying on their excellent work for the Government but only in a more aggressive branch. We hear from usual authoritative sources (isn't war news always from there) that Kenneth Lewis, in Transportation, is practically signed up in Naval Intelligence. Gotta be smart to get into it, eh Lewis?

John Monahan, erstwhile Property Clerk, is considering without any quibblings to enlist as a naval recruit. How about putting in for a Yeomans' rating John? That's much better than being a Yes Man; isn't it?

The Post Garage has lost four good men within the last few weeks to the Navy. I guess they figure that they can help more by being a cog in the mechanism of driving a battlewagon, than being in a fog driving a dump truck.

Otto Glos, chief electrician, tried in vain to reenlist as a Chief Petty Officer; but Uncle Sam figured he was more valuable in his present position of harnessing and redistributing AC and DC juice.

At the rate the men are answering the call to colors it won't be long before the Quartermaster is a shell of its former self. Ah, what price glory.

Congratulations are in order for the late (by that we don't mean deceased, although some consider it as such) Ardell White who Sunday before last became Mrs. Simms.

A bucketfull of wildflowers to each of the fellows who tried for the Officers Candidate School. After all there is more to it than meets the eye. Here's a partial list of the subjects covered in the course: Personnel, Property, Procurement, Utilities, Fiscal Accounting, Tactics and Technique, Transportation, and, or do you want me to go on listing them. Besides one can't cram all of it in several weeks or even months. Take one pill (subject) at a time as it were, study all there is about it and then go on to the next. And believe me some of them are bitter pills to swallow.

Which one of the night duty drivers Cattani, Bennets, Store, or Sutton was the guilty party during last Saturday's inspection? Snoring isn't polite, now is it fellows?



ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, office of the Post QM. Left to right: Miss Ardelle White, Mrs. Sue M. Greenwell, Mrs. Sgt. C. A. Chambers, Pvt. Dean Latimer, St. Sgt. Henry J. Brown.
—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps



CAPTAIN PARODY, Post QM, dictating to Mrs. Sue M. Greenwell, clerk in charge of personnel.
—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

Overheard in he barracks rest room (it's more polite that way): "I can't understand why more fellows aren't interested in working in the Post Bakery, they seem to make more dough there than in any other branch in the Quartermaster Corps.

"Write a welcome for our new man, Pvt. Browne," said Sgt. Brown. "Remember that is an English Browne spelled with an e instead of a Scotch-Irish Brown spelled without an e." So, without any further use of the word Brown, we give an understanding welcome to Pvt. Browne; not Pvt. Brown.

Affable Sgt. Chambers, Charge D'Affairs in the front office, nonchalantly running his favorite pooch before retreat. Standing at attention while retreat is blown, the dog skitters about. According to certain rules (patriotic if nothing else) the dog should come to attention also. How about that, Sgt., You'd think your pooch was leading a dog's life the way he acts.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Any member of the detachment wishing to have his love letters written in the best and most attractive style might apply to Sgt. Sixberry for help. He has had a lot of experience in that line.

Our regular reporter for this column went off on detached service last week on a trip that takes him as far as Waco, Texas. We understand the trip presented an opportunity for him to "get away from it all" just when his heart was troubling him. He and the girl friend are not speaking.

A bird whispers that Sgt. Walter "Doc" Sambur has a new heart interest and the name he whispers is "Taffy"—if that means anything to anyone.

Sgt. Herman Knoller has been overheard discussing with himself on whether or not he should "go steady." If he is as wise as we think he is the answer to his problem is "No."

Our First Sergeant misses his clerk and the substitute even with chevrons is not just as good or nearly so.

Tech. Sgt. Reuther is taking advantage of the added hours of duty in getting more work done. He is a poor example for some of us who would like to loaf a little after hours.

A new non-com added to the unofficial roster of the detachment is "Corporal Rosie;" just a plaindawg but very good company in and around the barracks.

The following men have moved over from the hospital to take the course of instruction at the school in dental technique. Pvts. Mathan Edelstein, Vincent Pasquariello, Herbert Rosenberg, Donald E. Stone, Dominic Varallo, and Donald R. Viering.

Sgt. Dow and Pvt. Ransom headed for the "Chocolate Soldier" one evening last week and missed it by a block. The detour was still remembered the next morning.

"I never sausage eyes as thine,
and if you'll butcher hands in mine,
And liver round me every day,
we'll seek some ham-let far away.
And meat life's frown with love's caress, and cleaver road to happiness."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. TIMOTHY J. BRADLEY

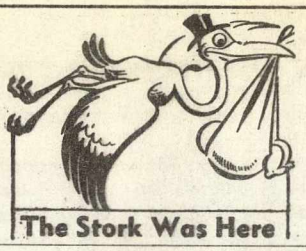
Private Timothy Joseph Bradley, born September 17, 1917, in Worcester, Mass., began his Army career in Springfield, Mass., on March 5, 1937. He served for two and one-half years at Fort Banks, Mass., and was then sent to the Philippine Islands for two years foreign service. It was during his second year of service in the Islands that Pvt. Bradley was appointed Sergeant. His two years foreign service completed, he was transferred to Letterman Hospital with the rank of private. His present duties find him a member of the clerical staff in the office of the Custodian of Patients' Funds.

Private Bradley spent his early life in the city of his birth, Worcester, and terminated his schooling with diplomas from high school and a local business school. He is not married; he prefers baseball as the most interesting sport; he devotes most of his spare time to reading as a means of relaxation.

Extended Use of CCC Approved

The manpower and resources of the Civilian Conservation Corps are to be utilized in activities more closely allied to National Defense. Acting upon a request by Secretary of War Stimson, CCC Director James J. McEntee has approve dthe use of all CCC enrollees for National Defense duty.

The 236 CCC companies in the Ninth Corps Area, with a normal strength of 25,000, have been made available for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and repairing facilities of urgent military and strategic necessity. Each project and assignment of CCC companies thereto must be approved by Director McEntee, however, except in cases of emergency, when the Corps Area Commander may utilize the necessary companies.



To Captain and Mrs. Cornelis D. Lang, 63rd Field Artillery, California, a son John, born January 15th, weight 5 pounds, 15½ ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, 79th Pursuit Squadron, California, a son, Robert C., born January 15th, weight 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Stanley M. Baker, Quarter Master, California, a daughter, Priscilla Rae, born January 15th, weight 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Pedro Holanda, Quarter Master Corps, Alaska, a daughter, Ronnadell, weight 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born January 15.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Lee A. Schultz, California, a son, Ronald Lee, born January 17th, weight 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Donald P. Toothacker, 79th Pursuit Squadron, California, a son, Donald Edward, born January 20th, weight 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

January 25:

DIVE BOMBER—Errol Flynn and Fred McMurray. Also, Short Subjects.

January 27:

THE GREAT MR. NOBODY—Eddie Albert and Joan Leslie. Also, Short Subjects.

January 28:

TEXAS RANGERS RIDE AGAIN—John Howard and Ellen Drew. Also, Short Subjects.

January 29:

TOBACCO ROAD—Charles Grapewin and Marjorie Rambeau. Also, Short Subjects.

January 30:

SMILING THROUGH — Jeanette McDonald and Jean Raymond. Also, Short Subjects.

January 31:

DESIGN FOR SCANDAL—Rosalyn Russell and Walter Pidgeon. Also, Short Subjects.

Another Letter to Sis, from Bud

Dear Sis:

Since this war started I do not know if I can tell you much about my military life and just when I was thinking about getting to know some thing about this place and what they do around here because the top kick had us all lined up before physical inspection and said for us not to talk too much and the way to comply with that order was not to talk at all but be good listeners and I remembered the place where I can be a good listener is the barber shop because the customers never get a chance to do any talking for the reason that the barbers think chatter goes along with the service and the boss barber does not talk very much on account of he has to ring the cash register every once in a while and he prefers to concentrate on that instead of talking but the number two barber stays away from the cash register and can he talk you go ahead and ask me can he talk and I come right back with the answer yes he can talk and how but is mostly about dogs running in races around the country and he always has some thing good in the second or the fifth and if that triple parlay he plays ever comes in he will have some one cutting hair but he would call it a three horse parlay and not a triple which is a three base hit in baseball and Gus never talks about baseball but what I like about the barber shop is they never put the pressure on for a facial or a massage or hair tonic or any of the other fancy things and if you ask for a shave you get a shave and if you ask for a hair cut you get a hair cut but watch yourself in the mirror or you get a hair cut that is supposed to be g. i. which does not mean galvanized iron but means government issue like the things the government gives you for free but the g. i. hair cut is not for free and you sign a chit and back it comes on the collection sheet on pay day and you find out how much it costs to keep the hair from growing down your back or the first sergeant from crawling down your spine because the hair is more than two inches long anywhere around the top and every one comes into the shop and looks around first to see if any colonels are getting hair cuts because when a colonel is covered in a barbers chair he does not look different from anyone else unless you can see the back of his head and then he does not have too much hair but sergeants also need a little hair on top of their heads sometimes and the favorite nickname for a bald headed sergeant is curley but no one tries that on a colonel and I hope if they are censoring our mail on account of the war no colonel will be the censor because giving out on high ranking officers might be against the best interests of the government and after writing this letter I would like you to get it some time and I am sorry if I cannot talk or write about the war but if you will read the papers you will know more than I do and a lot sooner and let me know what you find out and if I can draw another tin hat I will send the one I am using now and it makes a swell flower pot for a window box and I guess I have said enough for a soldier who is not supposed to talk and if you have never eaten army beans you should and see if what happens to me happens to you they give me an awful belly ache wishing you are the same Bud.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

January 26:

1893—Death of Abner Doubleday, Brevet-Major General, U.S.V., (Colonel, 24th U. S. Infantry, retired)—inventor of baseball. As a young Lieutenant in the Engineers, he was stationed at Fort Sumter when it was first fired upon.

January 27:

1814—The reorganized army consists of 62,773 men enlisted for a term of five years.

1875—The Army officially adopts the word "shoe." Until this date the footwear of its soldiers was called "bootees."

January 28:

1875—The name of Fort Cape Disappointment, at the mouth of the Columbia River, Washington, changed to Fort Canby, in honor of General Edward R. S. Canby, killed in 1873 by the Modoc Indians.

January 29:

1843—Birth of William McKinley, who became the Spanish War President. During the War Between the States, McKinley was a Commissary Sergeant with the Union Army at Antietam.

January 30:

1812—Louisiana authorizes the enrollment of regiments of "free persons of color." These colored regiments later participated in the Battle of New Orleans.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

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Total calls for transportation 14,000

This service, like all other activities, has greatly increased in scope during the past two years, the number of vehicles in use having more than doubled during such period.

The Rail Transportation Branch functions under the immediate supervision of Lieutenant Maurice R. Bsice, who performs tnese duties in addition to his othes duties of Sales Offices and Commanding Offices of the Detachment Quartermaster Corps. This activity is in charge of Mr. Ernest W. Jakobs, who has served as the Principal Clerk thereof since May, 1917, and is believed to be in point of service one of the oldest employes of the Hospital. It will thus be noted that he has already rendered valuable service in this activity throughout the entire period of one War and is now taking on another. The work of the Branch consists principally of the following: The preparation of itineraries, securing rootings and accommodations and forning transportation requests and meal tickets for all personnel departing the Hospital under official orders. During the past year this involved the issuance of 2,564 Transportation Requests covering the travel of 4,093 passengers at a total cost of $122,997.09 and the issuance of 6,500 Meal Tickets at a total cost of $18,166.25; the transportation of personal and Government property, which during the past year amounted to 1,181,030 pounds; the transportation of the remains of deceased personnel, which during the past year numbered 47, at a cost of $6,-885.68.

Much of the energy and time of the personnel of this activity is consumed in arranging and solving some of the following difficult prob lems:

Intricate routings.

Complicated sleeping accommodations.

Compiling mileage estimates.

Locating and contacting travelers enroute.

Rehabilitation of expired tickets.

Stopping trains at non-stop stations.

Locating unknown and unrecorded stations.

Unusual conditions due to class of patients traveling.

Ascertaining land grant costs.

Transportation is arranged and furnished for groups of travelers, comprising from 2 to 200 in number.

PRINTING PLANT

The Printing Plant of the Hospital is also operated under the supervision of the Quartermaster and under the direct management of Mr. John C. Davidson, who has served as the foreman of the plant for the past 10 years.

The work accomplished in the plant consists of all printing requirements of the Hospital as well as those of the entire 9th Corps Area, which includes all Army activities from San Diego, California, to Seattle, Washington, and also Alaska, and stations as far east as Salt Lake City, Utah. In order to meet these requirements it has been found necessary to operate the plant on night and day shifts. The work of the plant includes, among other things, the printing of letterheads, telephone directories, instructional pamphlets and blank forms not procurable from the Government Printing Office.

During the past year, the plant accomplished 964 separate jobs of printing, representing an output of over 11 million copies.

POST UTILITIES

While on December 17, 1941, all Construction and Repair activities, including the operation of Post Utilities, were transferred from the Quartermaster Corps to the Corps of Engineers pursuant to instructions of the War Department, these activities are still functioning under the Quartermaster in his capacity of Post Utilities Officer.

This activity is charged with the maintenance and repair of the 101 buildings of the Hospital and all pertinent utilities, such as the Power Plant, Roads, Walks and Drainage, Water and Sewer System, Heating and Lighting, etc.

During the past year there were 8,000 work orders issued covering work accomplished which involved expenditures to the extent of $278,-586.00. Of this amount, contracts and purchase orders, 1,609 in number, effecting the procurement of supplies and services at a total cost of $205,770.02 were executed.

During the past year there was consumed in the various buildings and activities of the Hospital:

170 million cubic feet of natural gas.

64 million gallons of water.

48,518 gallons of fuel oil.

1,215,550 KWH of electricity, which includes 51,000 KWH A. C. current purchased and 1,164,550 KWH D. C. current generated in Post Power Plant.

Administrative reports and records of this activity are under the charge of Staff Sergeant Charles Middleton, Procurements and Allotments are under the charge of Mr. George R. Anderson. Supervision of maintenance and operation is under the charge of Mr. Arthur H. Christern, the Superintendent of Maintenance and Construction.

The operation of the Post Power Plant is under the charge of Mr. Lupe Castro, the Chief Engineer.

AVIATION CADET REQUIREMENTS REVISED

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mining whether he possesses the required moral and character qualifications.

Whether or not the applicant has passed will be determined immediately by the Cadet Examining Board and, if successful, the applicant will be enlisted at once, appointed an Aviation Cadet and sent to one of the three Air Corps Replacement Training Centers. There he will be given a physical examination for flying duty and further tests to determine the type of training he is to receive.

Under the old qualifications, which have been revised in order to facilitate procurement of the thousands of flyers necessary to meet wartime requirements, applicants for aircrew training were required to take an Air Corps written examination or to have had two years of college. These requirements are no longer in effect, and the simplified test now ready for operation is open to any qualified man regardless of formal education.

The new tests do not emphasize detailed academic knowledge or studies but are concerned with an applicant's proficiency and ability to comprehend subjects with which he will be confronted in the training texts and manuals. The scope of the test is designed to determine the applicant's mechanical comprehension and his ability to understand mechanical apparatus and diagrams; his alertness to new developments in science, aviation and military affairs and his judgment in practical situations.

Applicants for Aviation Cadet instruction in ground courses of training, however, must meet definite educational requirements, although the physical requirements for this type of duty do not include passing the flight physical examination.

Eligibility for armament training is extended to civilians, former Aviation Cadets now in civil life and to Aviation Cadets currently undergoing instruction, and preferably to men who have had training in engineering or science. Aviation Cadets and former cadets must be recommended by the commanding officer of the Air Corps Training Detachment for such training by reason of mechanical aptitude, and may not have failed in any ground school subject.

Candidates for engineering training must have completed at least three years of engineering studies at an accredited college or university.

For communications training, candidates must have completed either two full years of engineering studies or have had two years of college and hold an amateur radio license.

Applicants for meteorological training must be college graduates and have specialized in sciences, engineering or similar technical subjects. They must have satisfactorily completed thorough courses in mathematics, including differential and integral calculus, and physics, including heat and thermal dynamics. Applications for photographic training are not being accepted at present, but applicants must have at least three years of chemistry or geology in an accredited college, and preferably have professional or considerable amateur experience.

For successful aircrew candidates, flying training will last approximately seven and a half months, during which time the Aviation Cadet will receive $75 per month, plus $1 per day subsistence. He also receives, at Government expense, lodging, necessary clothing, equipment, medical care and a $10,000 life insurance policy during the period of training. On assignment to active duty he may continue the policy by paying the premiums.

Upon graduation the cadet receives an initial uniform allowance of $150 cash. On relief from active duty in the Air Corps Reserve, he receives $500 for each year of his active service.

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ARMY TO ABOLISH OLD SPECIALISTS' RATINGS

Elimination of present specialist ratings and substitution of three new technical grades corresponding with non-commissioned grades will be effected in the near future, it was officially announced by the War Department last week. The three new grades will be called Technician third grade, and Technician fifth grade, and will correspond in rank and pay with staff sergeant, sergeant and corporal, respectively, although technicians will be secondary in standing to non-commissioned officers and will wear insignia to confirm such. The distinguishing insignia will be announced later.

The new policy is expected to increase the opportunity for promotion of lower pay grades, clarify lines of promotion and simplify the Army pay system (always a trying job for the finance department) and to pave the way for a blanket increase in pay for enlisted personnel, a topic now in discussion before the House and Senate. Until some decision is reached by Congress, the same pay scale will prevail.

The system will begin as soon as commanding officers receive authorization, when men holding specialist ratings will be disrated. The next step will be the appointment of technicians to the various grades, and although it is probable but not mandatory, the same men who have been risrated will step into the corresponding grade of technician. This possibility should increase the efficiency of the specialist who expects a high rating when the new plan is adopted.

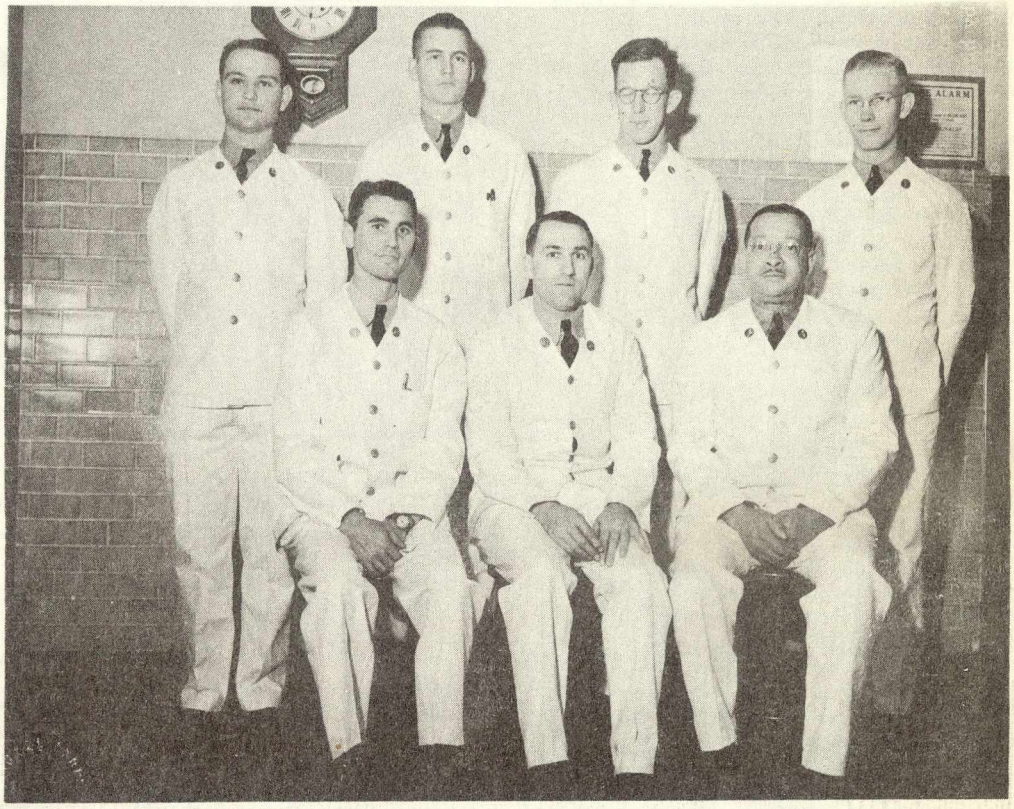
Technical non-commissioned men will rank in order of their dates of warrants below sergeants and corporals and may be given any duty comensurate with their grade. All regulations and orders, including command authority and methods of appointment and reduction in grade, will apply to technicians in the same manner as to other non-commissioned officers.

Fifth and sixth class specialists will hold their ratings up until June 30, 1942, providing they have not been advanced before that time or disrated for other reasons. However, the numbers of privates and privates first class in the new set-up will correspond with the number authorized after specialist ratings have been dispensed with. If fifth and sixth class specialists are still in existence after the effective date of the new allotment to the organization, and promotions are recommended, the following procedure will be used:

(a) The number specified for sixth grade will be decreased to a sum equal the fifth grade, and one-half the number of fifth grade ratings will be retained.

(b) The number specified for seventh grade will be increased by the

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ENLISTED TECHNICIANS of the Letterman Laboratory, bottom row, left to right: Pfc. Ted C. Griset, Sgt. Vaughn C. Yeomans, Pfc. William H. Day. Top row, left to right: Sgt. Albert C. Gianoli, Pfc. Arthur B. Anderson, Pvt. Marshall Hughes, Pfc. George R. Dahl.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

LETTERMAN LABORATORY IS STREAMLINED UP TO DATE

In the practice of modern medicine doctors, the world over, depend more than ever upon the laboratory for aid in the diagnosis of human ailments and in scientific accuracy in the control of treatment for their patients. In every modern hospital the laboratory is a vitally important hub upon which is centered all of the professional services in the institution. This is especially true in the really great modern Military institutions such as Letterman General Hospital where prodigious amounts of work are done to insure the most accurate diagnoses and the best care and treatment that modern methods can provide for patients. Few people realize that the laboratory is concerned in one way or another with every single patient admitted to the hospital or seen in the Out-Patient Service.

The minimum amount of laboratory work done for every patient consists of a complete blood count, a complete clinical and microscopic examination of the urine and a blood test for syphilis. This in terms of technician hours requires a minimum of one-half hour time in uncomplicated cases or one full hour's time when unusual conditions are detected which require more careful study. Very few patients receive only this minmum amount of work during their stay in the hospital. In most cases these tests are repeated several times before the patient is finally discharged. Other cases require prolonged laboratory studies which include difficult and complicated chemical analyses of the blood, tedious and time-consuming serological blood tests for obscure fevers or prolonged bateriological surveys for elusive germs which may be the cause of the illness.

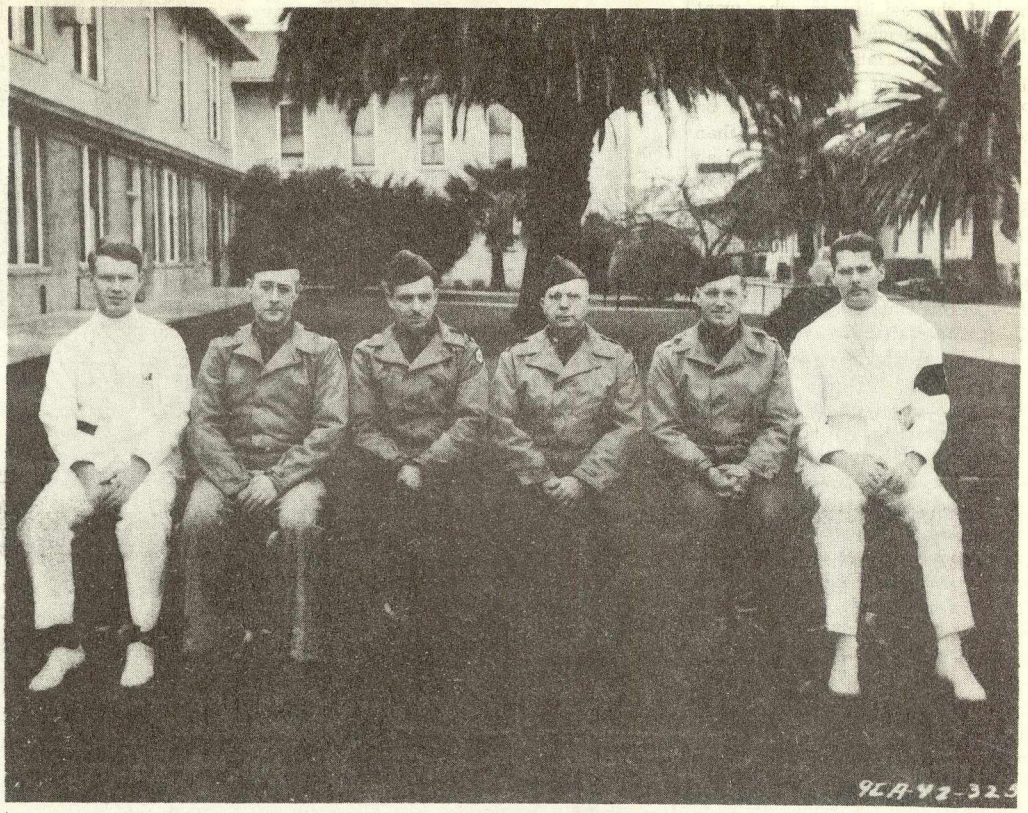
Actual tests performed for patients and applicants for the Military service is only part of the routine work done in the Letterman Hospital Laboratory. Foods and beverages are tested for quality and sanitary condition. All drinking water used by the command is tested daily for purity. Water from many other stations in the corps area is tested monthly or oftener if necessary. The cleanliness of dishes and the efficiency of dish washing facilities are tested at regular intervals. Many solutions and chemicals used in this hospital and other stations in the corps area are manufactured in this laboratory. The purity and potency of drugs are analyzed. Apparatus and equipment from other stations are tested and standardized. All these and many more operations are performed routinely in the Letterman Hospital Laboratory.

During 1941 the Letterman Hospital Laboratory performed 236,844 tests. This does not include the enormous amount of work done in the preparation of reagents, solutions and apparatus required to perform the tests, nor the housekeeping details required to keep the complex organization functioning efficiently and smoothly. The number of tests performed is not entirely an index of the quantity of work done. Some tests are relatively simple and can be performed in quantity without much effort by one technician. Unfortunately for the laboratory personnel the majority of tests are difficult and complicated, requiring highly trained technicians and specialized equipment. Other procedures are tedious and time consuming. It is significant to note that more than 200 separate procedures are listed in the annual report of the laboratory service for 1941. Most of these are routine tests and performed frequently if not daily.

During the past five years a complete reorganization has been accomplished in preparation for the efficient handling of the present volume of work. In 1937 and 1938 the old delapidated laboratory building was completely rehabilitated and refurnished into a splendid modern establishment. Many visitors then and since have pronounced it one of the finest clinical laboratories on the West Coast. Though small, every inch of available space is utilized for streamlined and efficient performance of laboratory work. As soon as the building was completed all of the old and obsolete apparatus was discarded and replaced by new and more efficient equipment. The technique of every test in every section of the laboratory was carefully scrutinized, revised and brought up to date. Many new procedures were added. Most of the credit for the reorganization and modernization of the laboratory must be given to such able regular army officers as Major Loren D. Moore, M. C.; Captain William D. Preston, M. C.; and Major Dwight M. Kuhns, M. C., who were formerly assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital.

The war has brought many changes in the laboratory personnel. Several of the former enlisted technicians are now filling important positions as officers in the Medical Administrative Corps and other branches of the Military service. Many have been transferred to other stations to stabilize the organization

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OFFICERS AND INTERNES, Laboratory, left to right: Dr. William C. Doak, interne; 1st Lieut. John D. Reese, M. C., Bacteriologist and Clinical Pathologist; Major Gerson R. Biskind, M. C., Pathologist and Hematologist; Lt. Col. Raymond O. Dart, M. C., Chief of Laboratory; Captain Arseny K. Hrenoff, M. C., Chemist; Dr. Francis W. Lanard, Interne.

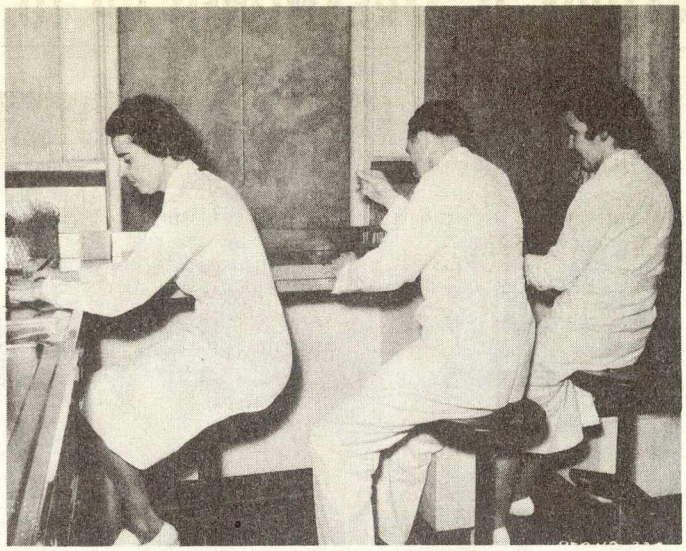
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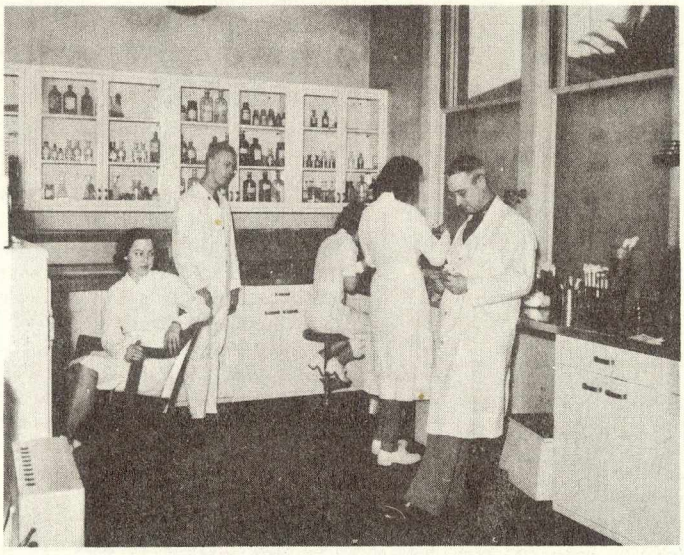
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of new clinical laboratories. Only two of the old timers who went through the hectic days of the laboratory reorganization remain. From the standpoint of length of service Pfc. **William H. Day** has been on continuous active duty longer than any other man in the Letterman Hospital Medical Detachment except Staff Sgt. Strickland in the Postoffice. Pfc. Day received his technician training at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. He reported for duty in this laboratory in May, 1923. Shortly thereafter he earned a specialist 1st class rating which he has held continuously since. In a courteous, unobstrusive sort of way Pfc. Day contributes much to the smooth operation of every section of the laboratory. An indirect hint from him based on a fund of knowledge gained from years of practical experience not infrequently straightens out a knotty technical problem. Pfc. Day has only two more years to serve before retirement after 30 years of honest and faithful service in the Army. Staff Sergeant **Vaughn G. Yeomans** received his technical training in Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu. He reported for duty at this laboratory in April, 1930. After various laboratory assignments for one year, he was placed in charge of the serology department, a position he has held continuously since that time. Although competent in all branches of clinical laboratory work, Sgt. Yeomans' particular forte is serology. It is the opinion of the Chief of the Laboratory Service and all others who are qualified to judge, that Staff Sergeant Yeomans is one of the best serology technicians anywhere in the United States, military or civilian.

Although not an old timer in the Letterman Laboratory, Pfc. **Theodore A. Griset** is an outstanding example of the army trained clinical laboratory technician. Conscientious, fast and accurate, Pfc. Griset is an indefatigable worker who spends a large part of his spare time reading text books on laboratory technique. Much of the reorganization and development of the bacteriology section was made possible by the work of Pfc. Griset who was assigned to Major Kuhns during that period. Pfc. **George R. Dahl** has been in the Army a little over two years. Practically all of this service has been in the Letterman Hospital Laboratory. Pfc. Dahl is especially trained in histopathological technique, but is also competent in the routine work of all other branches of the clinical laboratory. The other enlisted technicians now on duty are recent graduates from the laboratory school on the post and have been assigned for only short periods of time.



SEROLOGY SECTION, left to right: Miss Mary Ann Hannan, Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, Miss Rosalie Ryan.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



BACTERIOLOGY SECTION, left to right: Miss Clytie Closky, Pvt. George R. Dahl, Miss Kathryn Popp, Miss Patricia Farno, and Lt. John D. Reese, M. C.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

Serve in Silence

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TALL STORY DEPARTMENT

The weather may be warm at Camp Wolters, Texas, but just the same they tell the tall story of a guy who froze to death there recently. A sergeant tells the yarn, identifying the victim as a second cook, who froze himself stiff trying to read after "lights out" by that little light inside the icebox.

Blackout Lights To Be White On Army Vehicles

Motor vehicles now being supplied to the Army are equipped with new-type blackout lights, it was announced today at the headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

Designed primarily for convoy operations under blackout conditions, the lights appear much the same as ordinary parking lights mounted on the front fenders of many automobiles except that the lens, which is rectangular in shape, has a metal hood.

The low intensity light behind the lens is visible through two narrow slits. The lights on the front fenders are white. Similar lights are built into the regular tail lights and are covered with a red lens.

Neither light will project a beam. They are not visible from the air or from the side. Their only purpose is to mark the presence of the vehicle.

The lights were produced after numerous tests conducted by the War Department under blackout conditions. The tests revealed that blue illumination is the most easily seen from the air by experienced observers and that it is less helpful to ground activity than any other color.

The War Department announced: "All factors considered, properly hooded low intensity white light is more generally applicable to blackout illumination problems than colored illumination."

GOD'S CRUCIBLE

Someone has said that America is God's crucible where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming.

In Pennsylvania a Worsted Mill Manufacturer decided to find out how many nationalities participated in the making of our United States Flag produced in his factory. He found that the various operations were handled by he following:

Sorted by an American,
Carded by an Italian,
Spun by a Swede,
Warped by a German,
Drawn by a Scotchman,
Woven by a Belgian,
Inspected by a Frenchman,
Scoured by an Albanian,
Dyed by a Turk,
Pressed by a Polander,
Examined by an Irishman.

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EDITORIAL

HIGHWAY HAZARDS

The appalling number of men in the military service who sustain injuries as a result of automobile accidents is a subject which should receive more than a superficial study on the part of all concerned.

The expansion of the mechanized forces would normally bring about an increase in the rate of accidents incidental to the greater use of motor vehicles but there has been an increase out of all proportion in the number of soldiers injured by automobiles operated by civilians on the streets and highways. One such on an evening last week maimed three men with one blow and our army cannot stand up very long if that rate is maintained.

The blame for these unfortunate accidents is not all on one side. The dark color of the uniform makes it difficult to see on a dark or rainy night. Caution on the part of soldier pedestrians and a little consideration on the part of motorists would materially reduce the number of men rendered unfit for further military service as a result of motor accidents.

The three E's of the traffic problem—Engineering, Education, and Enforcement—should not be forgotten in the stress of the times, and Enforcement appears to be the most available right now to correct an appalling situation.

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THE OBSERVER SAW

The Executive Committee of the Black Cat Club in session over on K-1 with **"Hank" Flaskey, "Al" Caudle,** and **"Arl" Carlson** discussing the eligibility of **Lew Lott** and **Jess Campas.**

Leonard "Mike" O'Hara staking his claim to the title of the man who least fears the jinx. The first two and the last two figures of his serial number are "13" and he is with the 13th Field Artillery and he one of the 13 men whose service records are still on the way. Tie that!

Nick Fontana staging a fine comeback after being so sick last week.

Tony Traveline waiting for the postmaster at Lansdowne to send him a few money orders while **Bill Lovelace** in the next bed says it would be done a lot better and faster at Rock Hill.

Cliff Ventress and **Irwin Falkenburg** discussing the merits of the turban as a suitable head dress for American males.

Charlie Hill being ranked out of bed number one on D-1 and moved over to where he gets a better view of the outside world. He never missed a trick at the old location and he should keep well posted from his new point of vantage.

Joe Ledbetter and **Joe DeFendis** at their perpetual game of "casino."

Horace Tiffany deserting his roommate, **Ed Smith,** for newer accommodations on the open ward. Now that he can get around "Tiff" threatens to become the number one movie fan of the hospital.

"Link" Crum demonstrating new game of checkers played with six kings—and doing all right.

Loren McNutt giving the impression he was going up hand over hand on a rope but it turned out he was only weaving a watch fob.

Ed Ovecka fondly stroking the place where that mustache used to be.



Miss Clara B. Washington, Chief Nurse at Fort Ord, has been a visitor here for the past week in the role of patient on Ward "P."

Miss Loraine C. Ward has been discharged from the Reserve Corps to accept an appointment in the Army Nurse Corps of the Regular Army.

Miss Helen Johnson writes from her new station in Arizona that the air base there is anything but a "No Man's Land" and the proportion of cadets to nurses is twenty five hundred to one—or nearly so. And there are no vacancies in the ANC at that station.

Miss Emma E. Rose, from Victorville, sends in substantially the same statistical report from her sector. There ought to be a law . . . .

It was a beautiful night as the captain and the lieutenant were driving along the broad California highway bordering the Pacific. Slowly the captain brought the coupe to a halt at a favorite parking spot. Reaching over he took the Looie's hand and said: "Darling, I've loved you since the first time I saw you, and I want you for my very own." The lieutenant spoke back "Darling, I love you too if you think this little army nurse can make you happy, I am yours."

It could happen here.

Chaplain Shuder Prepared To Help On Rehabilitation

Patients who are likely to be declared unfit for further military service and who are interested in the matter of rehabilitation and specific vocational training are invited to discuss their problems with Chaplain Harry A. Shuder at his office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

In some cases the training may be initiated here and continued to completion on return to the home states. Chaplain Shuder is well qualified to render counsel and assistance to men in search of a new occupation.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 1, 1942
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Ladies of Motor Corps Donate Free Smokes to Patients

The kind thought of the members of the Second Battalion of the Women's Ambulance and Transport Corps of California, Incorporated, resulted in a donation of a case of fruit and a generous supply of cigarettes to the patients of this hospital.

The fruit and cigarettes were brought to the hospital by a committee of the members headed by Major Neva Kingcaid, who is the commanding officer of the Second Battalion, and left with the Post Chaplain for distribution.

As a result of this act of generosity when a patient is low in funds and cigarettes at the same time he may still enjoy a smoke with the compliments of that group of thoughtful women. Some of the cigarettes have been distributed on the wards and there is still a supply available on request to the Chaplain.

There are more fruit eaters than cigarette smokers so the case of fruit lasted less than a day.

OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Sir:

I would like to exchange letters with a sick soldier. That is, if it is not against the rules and regulations. I would like to correspond with one who is confined to the hospital for quite a while. Just to cheer him up. One who isn't already writing to someone.

I am five feet two inches tall and have blond hair and blue eyes.

Yours truly,
(Editor has the name)

HELP ! ! ! !

Then there's the private who worked all night cleaning his rifle but darned if he could get those spiral grooves out of the barrel!



Captain EUGENE R. PEREZ

Captain **Eugene Reyes Perez** was born in the old mission town of San Juan Bautista and stuck to his native state for his pre-medical studies at the University of California at Berkeley but he went to McGill University in Montreal to take his degree in medicine.

His post graduate work in surgery was long and varied, covering service at McGill University Hospital, the Hospital of the University of California, and continued on the Surgical Service at Letterman General Hospital. He was assistant resident surgeon at the San Francisco City and County Hospital when called to active duty in May, 1941. He was promoted to rank of Captain on December 24, 1941.

Captain Perez married Miss Estelle Peterson of Woodland on May 28, 1937. They have one child, Teresa, age three years.



Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Francis R. Fitzgerald, Salt Lake City, Utah, a son, Patrick Raymond, born January 22, weight 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

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MEDICAL DETACH

Twelve new men reported at this staton for duty January 23, 1942. One man, Private Johnnie R. Pope was transferred here from Fort McArthur, and the other eleven from Camp Grant, Illinois. They are: Privates Russell H. Crayton, Wesley A. Eastridge, Kermit F. Gambert, Robert Mattox, Jr., George L. Maxwell, Earl N. Puckett, Sidney Royse, James F. Shumaker, Douglas Vaughn, Robert L. White and Ford R. Wilson. Welcome to Letterman and success in their work is extended these men.

Privates Blaine McCord, Jr., and George E. Wright were transferred recently to the Air Corps where they will undergo extensive training preparatory to taking an examination for appointment as Aviation Cadets in the Air Corps. Success to you both.

Welcome is also extended to three former members of the detachment who have recently enlisted for the duration. They are: Edward D. Erickson, Malcom Foster and Willam B. Gambrill.

We Wonder:

If Sergeant Jefferson A. Casserly has solved the problem of silencing his room-mate's—Sergeant James C. Strickland — somnolent "carrying's on." Quoting Sergeant Casserly, "I don't mind a reasonable amount of snoring, that's good for any man, but does he have to make the room vibrate?"

If Private James D. Henley is really stationed at Fourth Army Headquarters? Maybe it was a matter of the other pasture appearing greener when he transferred to the Fourth Army. Anyway Private Henley spends a great deal of time over here after hours, "just a visitin'. "

If rumored future wedding bells for red-headed Private Earl R. Underwood might include the lovely, equally red-headed student nurse at St. Mary's Hospital Private Underwood has been escorting so much of late.

Interesting to See:

Sergeant Charles E. Vandervoort subscribing donations from the members of the Message Center of a "fin or two" to help him renew his automobile insurance.

Private James E. Speak squandering practically an entire months pay in journeying back and forth from Oakland.

Private William Gambril back in the Information Office after more than a years absence.

Private Vachel E. Barton busy building cabinets for friends on his nights off.

Sergeant Bartholomew J. Guarisco beng informed that just because he is married now he can't use the office phone to call Mrs. Guarisco three times a day.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

February 1:

1864—President Lincoln calls for 50,000 men for 3 years military service or for the duration of the war.

February 2:

1848—Treaty of Guadaloupe Hidalgo signed, ending hostilities between the United States and Mexico.

1901—Army Nursing Corps organized.

February 3:

1917—United States breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany.

February 4:

1805—The Army consists of 175 officers, 12 cadets and 2,389 men.

1901—Major William C. Gorgas, begins campaign against yellow fever mosquitoes in Havana, Cuba.

February 5:

1929—Testing the practicability of airship-delivery service, the Army Airship TC-5-251, piloted by Captain William Flood and Lieutenant Uzal G. Ent, Air Corps, lands on the roof of the 7th Wing of the Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

February 6:

1802—Declaration of war against Tripoli, due to acts of piracy by the Barbary Pirates.

February 7:

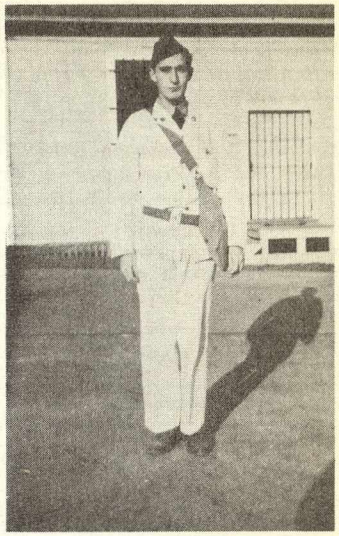
1926—Major E. L. Hoffman, Army Air Corps, awarded the Collier Trophy for his contributions in the development of the parachute. Up to, and including December 22, 1927 a total of 76 life-saving emergency parachute jumps were made in this country.

ARMY OPTIMIST

According to Private William Brady of Sheppard Field, Texas, an optimist is a guy who sends a wallet to a soldier. And Private Brady should know. He got SIX for Christmas.

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private LLOYD E. SMITH

As Buck of the Week we introduce Lloyd E. Smith. A native son of California, Private Smith was born on October 10, 1920 in the town of Willetts. At an early age he moved with his family to Sutter City, California, where he attended the public schools in Sutter City, and later enrolled at Yuba Jr. College in the pre-medical department. In August, 1940, Private Smith attempted to enlist in the Army in Sacramento, California. He was rejected the first time due to being underweight and was told to report back in two weeks. When he reported the second time he was accepted and duly sworn in. He was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington for a short time and then to Letterman General Hospital where he has since remained.

Private Smith has decided upon one of two objectives to pursue as his life's work: either the Army or newspaper work. In either event he will enjoy the fruits of success because he applies himself conscientiously to his work and study. Also his life is kept full to over-flowing with a keen interest in symphony music, travel and photography and an "Irishmans" love for argument. He says he will just have to cut out sleep entirely to find time enough for everything.

Dropping Decimal

An Army rifle weighs 8.69 pounds but after you've been carrying one all day, says one private, the decimal point drops out.

HONOR SOLDIER VISITS POST

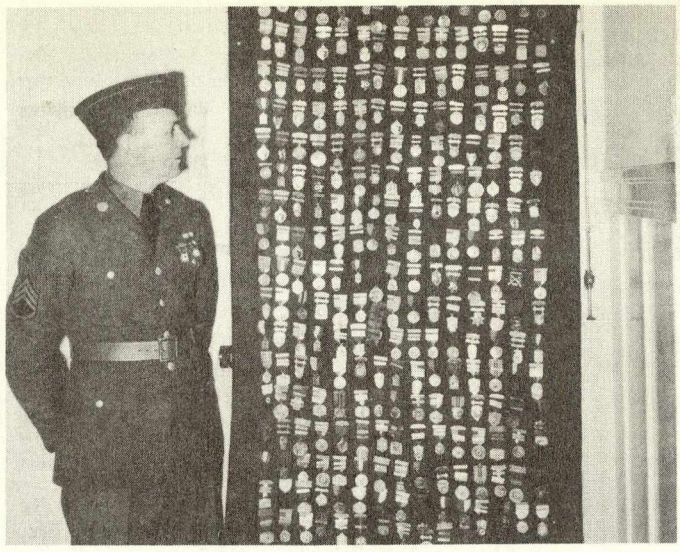
Member of Guard of Honor during transit of the Unknown Soldier's remains from France in 1921 and at President Wilson's interment in 1924, holder of more than 250 medals and trophies for marksmanship, veteran of Navy, Marine Corps and presently Staff Sergeant in the Army and instructor of military science at Alameda high school is Dale Frazier, clinic patient at Letterman last Wednesday.

Sgt. Frazier is co-holder of several world's records in pistol and rifle shooting, and probably has more awards for marksmanship than any other living man. His first medal was earned at the age of 19 as a Marine on duty at Paris Island, where he qualified as expert marksman. This began what is believed to be an unparalleled career during which more awards were given than one man can carry.

Sgt. Frazier's first service under the flag was with the United States Navy, in which he enlisted at the age of 17 and spent two years. Following this, and with an eye for a more colorful uniform he joined the Marines for a period of three years and saw service in Cuba, winning distinction and medals there for his marksmanship with both pistol and rifle. Becoming an authority on the use of firearms, Sgt. Frazier was transferred to the rifle range detachment in San Domingo.

With a twinkle in his eye and with tanned cheeks that belie his forty years, the sergeant becomes reminiscent, "It was in San Domingo that I really began to get serious about shooting," he said, "My first match competition was in 1923—I won a bronze medal in the West Indies Pistol Matches. Sure felt good that day, but had a little cockiness taken out of me the following year when I tried out for the Olympic rifle team at Quantico and failed to make the grade through inexperience."

After his three year enlistment in the Marine Corps, Frazier decided to see if there was anything different about life in the Army and signed up with the khaki in 1925. As a soldier, his first duty was in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Following the pattern he set in former service, he proceeded to win all honors in sight, and before leaving Honolulu, he twice became champion of the Islands in pistol shooting and won second in rifle, as well as numerous other titles.



STAFF SERGEANT DALE FRAZIER standing beside a panel display of the medals he has been awarded for his accuracy with rifle and pistol.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

Returning to duty in the United States, Sgt. Frazier was active whenever possible and entered any match available. At Camp Perry in 1931 his team competed nationally and placed third. Again in 1937 he competed in the nationals and his team finished in the same place. "I just gave up shooting on teams," he declared with a chuckle, "every time I compete as a member of a group, they think I'm a jinx—every team I've fired with has always finished third, so I decided to give up team competition and to shoot as an individual."

At various times in his tour of duty, Sgt. Frazier won state championships in California, West Virginia and Illinois. His latest achievement is the record he established last year at Ft. Funston, where, out of a possible 300, the veteran knocked off a cool 298 to tie the world's record with the 38 caliber. Another like record is his score of 285 out of 300 with the 45 automatic pistol. These are but a few of the marksmans deeds, in fact, there are too many to mention.

Asked if he ever trained for the big matches, Sgt. Frazier replied, "No, but I have a few good health rules that are just everyday habits —exercise, stay away from alcohol, drink little coffee and smoke few cigarettes.'

In spite of all that the "shooting sergeant" has to show for his success as a marksman, he is more proud of the fact that he was chosen a member of the Guard of Honor that transported the casket of the Unknown Soldier from France to the United States in 1921.

"I'll remember that voyage on the U.S.S. Olympia as long as I live," he said gravely and not without pride. "That was an honor that comes once in a soldier's lifetime and for which I have always been grateful."

The veteran serviceman was born in East Liverpoole, Ohio, in 1902 and received his education in that state. Wearing seven service stripes representing twenty-two years of loyal service with the Army, Staff Sergeant Frazier's appearance is no true indication of his age—ruddy cheeked, clear eyed and with the bearing of an athlete, his record is an enviable one, of which he has every right to be proud.

At present, Sgt. Frazier is instructing some 270 Alameda high school boys in basic military training and the use of firearms. If they all absorb the zeal and loyalty of their instructor, Uncle Sam need never worry about the marksmanship ability and character of his soldiers.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

This marital epidemic sure is taking a large toll of the prospective men around these schools. Another one to fall victim of the famous love-poison-arrows of cupid is that quiet and handsome sergeant—**Frederick L. Essen!** He took the final leap on Tuesday evening, January 27, at a quiet ceremony performed here in the city. His pretty young wife is Miss Echo Pauline Ahee, a resident of San Francisco.

Former enlisted instructor of the dental school, Sergeant **Otto Stewart**, visited his old friends here the early part of this week. According to him, he said he expected to be made staff sergeant by the 1st of February! Stewart says he likes his new job a lot.

"Corporal Rosie," the dog made a return visit to the Special Service Schools the other night. Staff Sergeant **Hilmer A. Fauske** saw him whimpering by the door of the detachment barracks and took pity on him, so he brought him to see all the boys. They were all glad to see him again after his brief and by now famous entry just about a week ago. The responsibility of caring for "Corporal Rosie" throughout the night was given to Fauske and, according to reports the following morning, he sure had a time with him in his room!!

First Sergeant **John T. Young** finally gave up his fight to stave off matrimony! He let cupid have his own way and on January 22, at a secret place, out-of-town, he was quietly married. Sergeant and Mrs. Phyllis Mae Young are now residing at 45 Brady street.

All duty personnel of the schools are now faced with an extra task each day. Everyone has to go out to drill. We wonder how our old professor of pharmacy is getting along with it these days—he was taken aside and given a few pointers by John T. Young, himself!

Private First Class **Alfred Rozadilla, Jr.**, finally arrived from detached service, the latter part of last week. He reported a very nice trip but said he was happier to be back. We wonder why!

Q. M. NEWS

The transition of the Utilities from the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster Corps to the Corps of Engineers occurred last week when Captain **Wesley E. Covert** reported for duty as officer in charge. Capt. Covert is with the Corps of Engineers and his title here will be Post Utilities Officer.

The Typographic slip which gave us a Mrs. Sergeant might be a little previous but a bill has been reported to Congress to create a women's auxiliary corps with grades similar to those of the army. And we did have for many years a woman warrant officer at the 9th Corps Area headquarters, you know.

Pvt. **Dean Latimer**, our wingless Mercury, is having a sojourn in the hospital although he says he is not enjoying the change from activity to the role of patient.

Things have moved along a lot more smoothly in the long lines at the Commissary since **Corporal Craig** took over the Register and much favorable comment has been heard among the patrons.

We expect some tall stories about the depth of the snow in Minnesota when the Commissary Officer returns from his trip to the midwest.

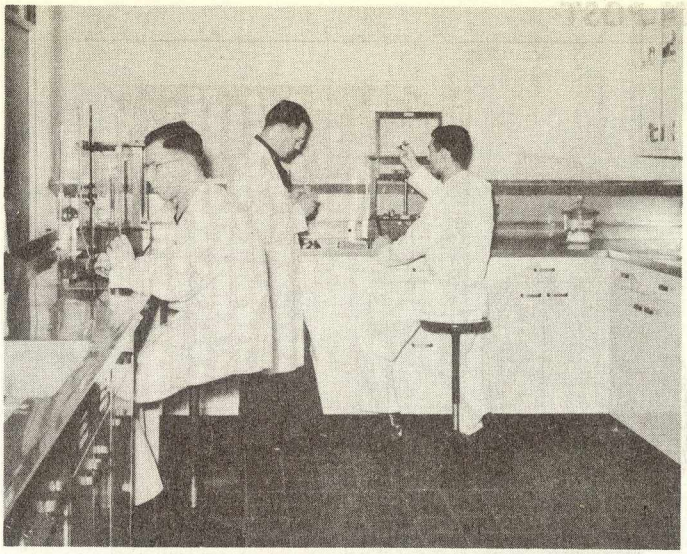
Sgt. Strickland Hopes No One Here Has the Same Idea

Somebody is going to have to come to the rescue of Private First Class Joseph Dee Everingham of Camp Grant, Illinois. For months, Joseph never heard his name mentioned at mail call. In desperation, he wrote a pungent note to a Chicago newspaper, claiming the title as "the loneliest private this side of the Mississippi." The newspaper published the letter. Before the day ended, Joseph received 18 telegrams and dozens of cards. And in the days that followed, more than 400 letters and 40 packages poured in and the deluge is still on. Now Joseph is worried. He's afraid the fellows at the post office are going to get sore.

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GENERAL CHEMISTRY SECTION, left to right: Private Marshall Hughes, Captain Arseny K. Hrenoff, M. C.; Pfc. Ted Griset.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



PREPARATION ROOM, left to right: Kai Chew Chin, Miss Mildred Grennan.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

February 1:

BABES ON BROADWAY—Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. Also Short Subjects.

February 3:

HERE COMES MR. JORDAN—Claude Raines and Evelyn Keyes. Also Short Subjects.

February 4:

LATINS FROM MANHATTAN—Joan Davis and Jean Falkenburg. Also Short Subjects.

February 5:

NAVY BLUES—Ann Sheridan and Jack Oakie. Also Short Subjects.

February 6:

THUNDER AFLOAT—Wallace Beery and Marjorie Maine. Also Short Subjects.

February 7:

PARACHUTE BATTALION—Robert Preston and Nancy Kelly. Also Short Subjects.

BE CAREFUL WITH THAT CAMERA

In the interest of national security, citizens in the Western Theater of Operations are advised against taking photographs showing Army units; headquarters; transports; camps; buildings; installations; projects; weapons; equipment; supplies; movements; or other military materiel or activities. The Western Theater of Operations comprises California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and Alaska.

Citizens are further advised against taking photographs at this time of non-military structures, installations, and activities of importance in connection with military operations and national defense. In this category are railroad and highway bridges and tunnels; shipping facilities and railroad yards; reservoirs and water distribution systems; electric and gas generating and distribution units; telephone, telegraph, and radio installations, and manufacturing and assembly plants turning out materiel of primary importance for national defense, such as plants manufacturing munitions.

The foregoing lists are far from complete, but they may serve as a general guide for all loyal and patriotic citizens living in the Western Theater of Operations.

A Varga Blonde Remembers Pearl Harbor

Esquire's famous Varga draws a patriotic blonde for its February issue—not red-white-and-blue patriotic, but grass-skirt-hibiscus-blossom patriotic, for she "Remembers Pearl Harbor." The words beside her are the ones Phil Stack repeats from the lips of men in the service everywhere. (Reprinted with permission of Esquire):

REVEILLE

We go to war for many precious things . . .
But first of all for freedom that we prize,
And we will guard with fighting ships and winds
This girl who lives beneath Hawaiian skies;
And he who struck behind a peaceful word
Will find the Eagle swoops to stalk its prey . . .
America has wakened and is stirred!
America is on the march today!

FIRST ROBIN ON DUTY HERE

Advanced Robin Echelon arrived at Letterman General Hospital, Friday, January the twenty-third. Who said, "twenty-three skiddoo!!!" Master Robin strutted his stuff in the "Quad" and, incidentally, inspected the shrubbery and the gardens with the eye of an experienced Q.M. Indications are that within the week the robins will be here in full strength and will bivouac here and everywhere. Master Robin, who reported in, wore no stripes but he did wear a red patch on his front indicating that he had been assigned definitely to the War Department Overhead the same as others of the Letterman family. Stripes or no stripes Robin is proud of his status and proposes to see that no Fifth Column bugs get in to wreck the fine shrubbery and gardens so nicely prepared by our landscape artists. Welcome, Senor Robin, and may your tribe increase! Read Kipling's, "The Cat That Walks by Himself," —Watch that cat—he lives here. He may "walk by himself" but he usually has company when he eats!

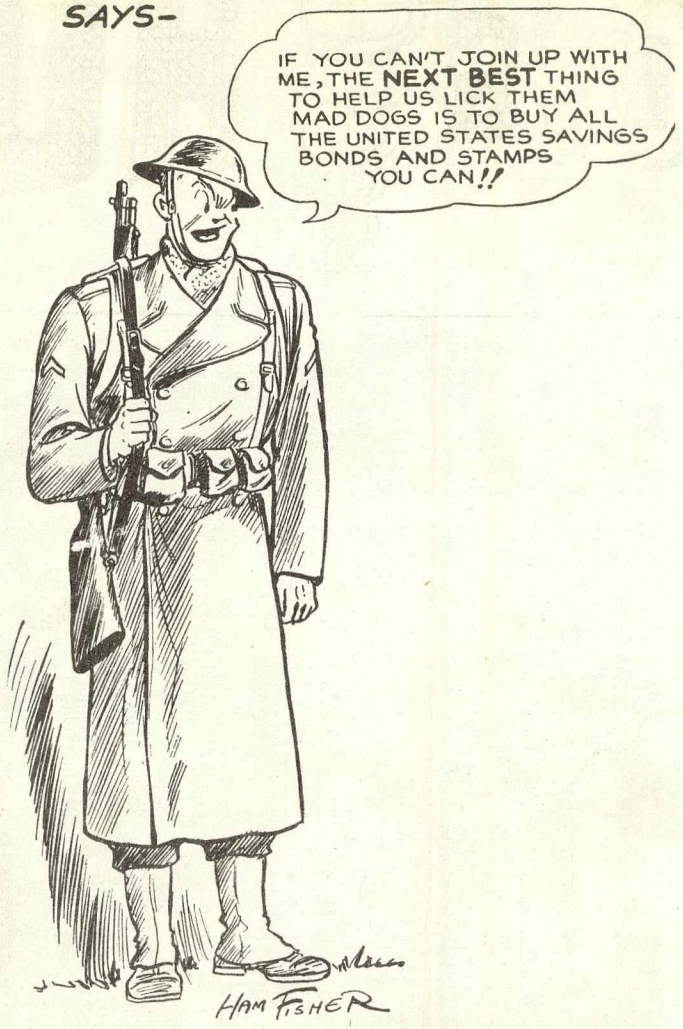
Limited Capacity

This is a story they tell in Camp Grant, Illinois, about an incident which occurred during a mess hall inspection by Brigadier General John M. Willis, camp commandant. Addressing a KP, the general asked, "Do you get enough to eat?" The KP, a selectee from the deep South, replied, "No, sir, I reckon nobody ever gets enough to eat." The General was non-plussed. "Do you mean to tell me that there isn't enough food here?" he asked. "Oh, no sir," replied the KP, "there's plenty of food but I can't hold enough.'



THE ARTIST whose work will appear in our columns.

PRIVATE JOE PALOOKA SAYS-



ARMY TO ABOLISH

(Continued from page one)

same amount, however, all fifth and sixth ratings if not absorbed by June 30, will be entirely dispensed with, and no technical ratings below corporal will exist.

At the present time there are two enlisted men in the seventh grade for every one in the sixth grade and the effect of the new plan on this, would be to bring the ratio to an equal number of both ratings.

The War Department's bulletin lists the seven corresponding ratings in enlisted personnel: grade 1, master sergeant; grade 2, 1st or technical sergeant; grade 3, staff sergeant technician 3rd grade; grade 4, sergeant technician 4th grade; grade 5, corporal technician 5th grade; grade 6, private first class; grade 7, private.

ARMY ENGLISH

Army paper work is a mystery to the uninitiated but it's just as clear as crystal to the experienced staff officer. In order to clarify many situations that will arise in the minds of young, inexperienced officers, the Army Times offers an extensive explanatory glossary. For instance, when the phrase 'under consideration" is used, to the experienced officer that means, "never heard of it." When the experienced man promises to have a shot at finding the file, he refers to the process as being "under active consideration." A project that is "transmitted to you," implies "You try holding the bag awhile—I'm tired of it." And when an experienced officer proposes "appropriate action," what he really means is "Do you know what to do with it? We dont."

A TOAST TO—



LINGUIST— A LA PIG

Members of a Medical Detachment at Camp Blanding, Florida, were assembled the other day. The officer in charge inquired if any of the Detachment personnel could speak a foreign language. Only one hand went up. It belonged to Private First Class Lonie Burch.

What foreign tongue did Burch speak? Not without a bit of pride came the reply—"Pig Latin."

NO WATERMELON?

The most popular dessert in the Army, according to the Quartermaster Corps, is apple pie. Second on the list is ice cream, with doughnuts pulling up in third place ahead of chocolate cake, cherry pie and cocoanut cake. On down the list is mince pie, fruit cobbler, banana pudding, butterscotch pudding and rice pudding in last place.

READING TIME

There are now an estimated 1,000,000 books available to soldiers in about 500 Army post libraries. Soldiers' reading is about equally divided between fiction and non-fiction.

ON LOVE, MAYBE?

The Salvo, weekly publication of the Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound, Wash., offers this laugh provoker. "It was a big moment in the young doughboy's life. He mustered all his courage and then stuck his chin out with an optimistic, 'Darling, do you think you could live on my salary of $30 a month?'

" 'Well, dearest, I don't know,' she answered dubiously. 'I could try, of course, but what will you live on?' "

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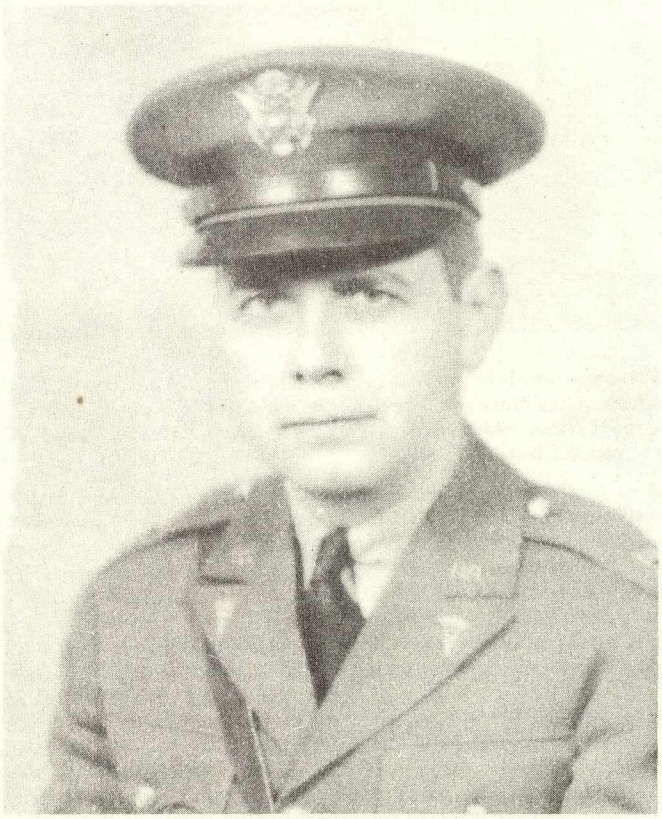
Former LGH Noncom Promoted for His Bravery in Action

A former Letterman sergeant, but now an officer, was cited and promoted last week for bravery in action at Corregidor, and an enlisted man who has also seen service here was reported doing heroic deeds on the same field of battle. They are Lieutenant Ralph L. Rowland, master sergeant in charge of medical supply here until October of 1939, who was raised from the ranks shortly after leaving Letterman, and Technical Sergeant Frederick W. Guth of Whitmore, Calif. The latter acted in the capacity of librarian here and last saw service on the post in June of 1939.

Lt. Rowland—recently made Captain—was honored for his conscientious care of wounded in hand to hand skirmishes with the enemy on Corregidor. The former Letterman soldier worked side by side with ambulance drivers and field aid men in bringing back the wounded. Working coolly and giving orders in a quiet, controlled voice as though the rescue work were an everyday occurrence, the gallant officer stayed on the field of battle regardless of shells and bombs bursting on all sides and refused to leave until he personally made certain that no injured soldiers were left behind or left uncared for.

At the same time, Sergeant Guth was starring in the ranks, daringly driving his ambulance over seemingly impossible terrain, rendering first aid and picking up wounded in the thick of enemy fire. One of Sgt. Guth's "buddies," Calvin E. Latham of Woodland, Calif., counted 24 marks left on the side of his ambulance by machine gun fire, and found the leg of his trousers tattered by shells that had missed his body by scant inches. Given honor along with Guth and Latham is Corporal E. W. Crunkleton of Everton, Arkansas, who braved many dangers in performing his duties.

Usually handed plenty of hard work in battle, and very little glory, these medics at the front have a slogan all their own—"Keep 'Em Healthy"—and they are doing it!



Major THAIR COZZENS RICH, M. C.
Formerly Officer in Charge of the Outpatient Service and the Receiving and Evacuation Office at Letterman and now stationed at the Medical Training Center, Camp Grant, Ill.

Clocks Advance To War Time on Monday

Another factor to make the atmosphere of World War II equal in intensity to that of the last war will go into effect next Monday, February 9, when the nation will go on Daylight Saving Time in accordance with the bill signed by President Roosevelt on January 20. At 2 a. m., local time, all clocks will be advanced one hour to 3 a. m. on that date, and all Federal, interstate, and commercial functions will continue on that basis for the duration of the war, the bill decrees.

With electricity producing units already overtaxed in the all out effort to complete ships, machinery, planes and firearms, he new time basis is expected to save 736,282,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually and partially provide for the ever increasing demand for energy in heavy production lines.

The new light saving time will give more hours of daylight production and result in more efficient work, as natural light is more conducive to good work than is artificial. I will cut down the electricity consumption for illumination and provide a greater reserve for operation of vital machinery, as well as give more daylight recreation in the off-work hours of the workingman.

The passing of the bill marks culmination of the President's efforts since last summer, when Congress refused consideration of the bill at first suggestion. The issue passed the house with a small amount of opposition on January 9, 1942, and does not give the President full discretion in determining national time

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LETTERMAN LAB TECHNICIANS BEST IN THIS AREA



LABORATORY TECHNICIANS—bottom row, left to right: Miss Edith Dickinson, Miss Martha Lee, Miss Kathryn Popp, Miss Mary Ann Hannan, Miss Dorothy Dillon, Mrs. Mary L. Goodknight, Miss Rosalie Ryan, Mrs. Nina Chern. Top row, left to right: Miss Clytie Closky, Miss Dixie Woodburn, Miss Rose Marie Schoeni, Miss Mildred Crennan, Miss Longa Noble, Miss Patricia Farno, Miss Adelien Larson.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

During the latter part of 1940 there was a major change in policy with regard to technicians in Army laboratories . In accordance with instructions from The Surgeon General enlisted technicians were replaced with women who were certified by the Civil Service. Only a sufficient number of soldiers to maintain a night duty roster were retained on duty. All others are transferred to other stations for the purpose of opening new Army clinical laboratories. The laboratory now has 16 splendidly trained and experienced women technicians. These women are:

Mrs. Ruth S. Brehm—Graduate of University of California. Five years clinical laboratory experience mostly in St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Nina A. Chern—Graduate, University of California. Laboratory training Stanford University Hospital. Eighteen years of laboratory experience mostly in the bacteriological and clinical laboratories of Stanford University and hospital.

Miss Clytie Closky — Graduate, University of California. Laboratory training University of California Hospital and Hooper Foundation. Four years laboratory experience in various laboratories in San Francisco.

Miss Edith Dickinson—Graduate Mills College. Post-graduate, University of California. Laboratory training Mount Zion Hospital. Five years clinical laboratory experience mostly at Stanford University hospital.

Miss Dorothy Dillon—Graduate, University of California. Seven years clinical laboratory experience, mostly in Dante Hospital, San Francisco.

Miss Patricia Farno—Graduate of University of California. Laboratory training County Health Department, San Luis Obispo. Two years clinical laboratory experience mostly in the Health Department.

Mrs. Mary L. Goodknight—Graduate University of California. Sixteen years clinical laboratory experience in Public Health Department laboratories and in the clinical laboratory, Dante Hospital, San Francisco.

Miss Mildred Grennan—Twelve years experience in laboratory work. Mostly in the late Dr. E. C. Dickson's Laboratory, Stanford University Medical School.

Miss Mary Ann Hannan—Graduate University of Washington. Laboratory training King County Hospital, Seattle. Five years clinical laboratory experience mostly in Seattle Polyclinic.

Miss Adelien Larson—Graduate University of California. Laboratory training University of California Hospital. Six years clinical laboratory experience mostly in Kern County Hospital, Bakersfield, California.

Miss Martha Lee—Graduate University of Southern California. Post-graduate courses in premedical subjects at University of Oregon Medical School. Laboratory training St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, Oregon. Four years clinical laboratory experience mostly in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Miss Lona Noble—Graduate University of California. Seventeen years experience in histopathology technique in University of California and the Hooper Foundation.

Mrs. Kathryn Popp—Two years clinical laboratory training University of California Hospital. Ten years clinical laboratory experience mostly in St. Francis Hospital and in medical clinics in San Francisco.

Miss Rosalie Ryan—Graduate University of California. Seven years clinical laboratory experience in University of California and Stanford University Hospital.

Miss Rose Marie Schoeni—Three years college and one year premedical work at Reed College and University of Oregon. Laboratory training University of Oregon Medical

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Miss DOROTHY THOMPSON

One of the activities of this command where service is given with a smile and a generous contribution is made to the morale of the patients and personnel is the Telegraph Office where Miss Dorothy Thompson handles the incoming and outgoing messages using the wire instead of the ether.

Miss Thompson is an army girl and has spent her whole life in close association with the service since she first arrived with a tiny cry at Petersburg, Alaska, where her father was then stationed at the small station of the Signal Corps. Other posts at which she has lived with her family are Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Shafter, Honolulu. For the past year her father, Master Sergeant Daniel M. Thompson, has been on duty with Signal Corps at the Presidio of San Francisco and Dot makes her home with the family.

She has a sympathetic understanding of the soldier's problems and speaking their language she can help prepare a message to the best girl or a mere acquaintance in a manner that will leave the sender with the feeling that the situation is well in hand.

The only mistake Dot has ever made around here was to pick the Dodgers to win the World's Series and that error in judgment kept the staff in the Information Office in cagarettes for weeks after baseballs had been put away in moth balls for the winter.

For service with a smile drop in at the Telegraph Office when Dot is doing her trick at the keys.

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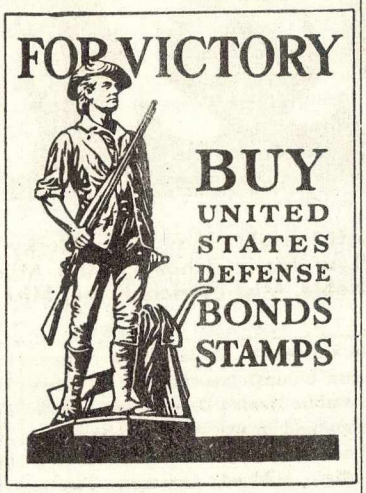


To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Maurice Risdon, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Donna Jean, born January 28, weight 6 pounds, 5½ ounces.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. A. C. Atkinson, New Orleans, Louisana, a daughter, Sylvia, born January 29, weight 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. A. C. Park, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Richard Eugene, born January 29, weight 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Kenneth W. Jorgenson, Hamilton Field, California, a son, William Gerhardt, born January 31, weight 8 pounds, 4½ ounces.



WAR NEEDS MONEY!

It will cost money to defeat our enemy aggressors. Your government calls on you to help now.

Buy Defense Bonds or Stamps today. Make every pay day Bond Day by participating in the Payroll Savings Plan.

Bonds cost $18.75 and up. Stamps are 10¢, 25¢ and up.

The help of every individual is needed.

Do your part by buying your share every pay day.

The Chaplains will assist you to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

ARMY AVIATORS SURVIVE CRASH IN ARCTIC WASTE

Lieutenant Colonel Harold H. Carr and Corporal Richard Pompeo were back in Fairbanks, Alaska, today, following a harrowing trek out of the Artic Circle wilderness, after their plane was forced down January 17, about two hundred fifty miles northeast of Fairbanks.

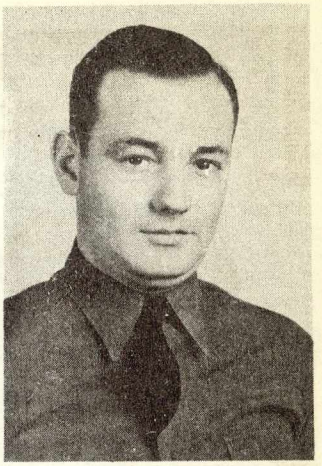
Information received at the headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army said the fliers took off from Fairbanks before dawn, January 17, for Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory. They encountered thick weather and became lost in an attempt to return to Fairbanks, and after many hours of flying they landed on a frozen river without injury to themselves and only slight damage to the planes. The plane's radio was put out of commission when they landed.

Lt. Colonel Carr and Corporal Pompeo stayed with their plane for two days in the hope that searchers would sight them, and then they prepared packs of bedding, food, camping equipment and firearms and started down the river. After traveling some distance they met an Indian trapper who guided them to the next trap line. They were relayed to successive trappers and finally, four days after they left the last trapper, they reached Fort Yukon and transportation to Fairbanks late Monday night. They apparently were in excellent condition.

While the fliers were lost, Army airmen, hampered by the fogs and bad weather, combed thousands of miles of the Yukon country in an attempt to find them. Leading one of the searching parties was Lieutenant E. T. Yarborough, who recently was recommended by Major General Simon B. Buckner, Jr., Commanding General, Alaska Defense Command, to receive the distinguished flying cross for his feat of December 11, 1941, when he twice landed his plane on the ice floe in the dangerous Turnagain Arm, famous for its thirty-four-foot tides, and with the aid of Lieutenant Elmer E. Booth, who had been stranded for a day and a night on a twisting, grinding cake of ice, after parachuting from a spinning plane.

Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, tonight sent a message to General Buckner, commending Lt. Colonel Carr and Corporal Pompeo for their resourcefulness, fortitude and soldierly qualities in meeting an extremely difficult situation.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private WILLIAM B. GAMBRIL

William B. Gambril was born on Independence Day, 1919, in the town of Cleo Springs, Oklahoma. And as a small child he moved with his family to a ranch on the outskirts of Kansas City, Kansas, where he spent the first 13 years of his life. The Gambril family moved back to the state of Oklahoma and Private Gambril completed his formal education when he graduated from the public high school in Oklahoma City. After graduation he visited an older brother in Fresno, California, and it was here that he saw an Army Recruiting display which convinced Private Gambril that the Army needed him. He enlisted September 15, 1938, and was sent to Letterman General Hospital to serve the entire time of his first enlistment. Nearly two and one-half years of his first term of enlistment were spent in the Information Office and the remaining six months were spent at the Professional Service School.

His three years completed, Private Gambril returned to Oklahoma City and entered the jewelry business. His business was short-lived however, and January 21, 1942, found "Jeweler" Gambril once again as Private Gambril, Information Office, Letterman General Hospital.

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THINK

Many offices and factories have prominent and striking signs containing that single word—THINK. It accomplishes positive and negative results amazingly.

THINK—before you act and you will not be as aimless as a scared rabbit, as the rudderless ship, Bismarck, or a helpless drunk. You'll get right things done; you'll leave wrong things undone.

THINK—that motto is especially helpful for youth who is so often thoughtless and impulsive. He wants to do something; inaction he hates. He should do something, but thinking first will give him a sense of direction; a realization of the effects of his action or inaction on others; a realization of the lifelong benefit of good habits, good companions, good reading, with good ideals and character to make those ideals and ambitions real.

THINK—and you avoid a lot of kinks, sorrow, and regrets.

Thumbs Down On Thumbing

The days of "thumb fun" in the Army are gone forever. The War Department thinks the practice of thumbing rides is unmilitary; it's a discredit to the uniform—and besides, it's unlawful in some states. Hence the new ruling that soldiers may accept offers of rides voluntarily made by individuals or organizations, but solicitation of free rides by men in uniform is prohibited.

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THE OBSERVER SAW

Our own three musketeers—**Major McGuiness, Captain Tinsley,** and **Lieut. Kaiser**—holding down the regular table in the PX Grill with a chair reserved for **Captain Calden,** whose name is Willard, not William.

Pvt. Charles W. Craig over from the East Hospital on a pass to see his former buddies on E-1.

Thirty-one MP's relieved from guard duty and assigned to the various details so ably covered by the versatile men of the Medical Department.

Miss **Evelyn Hart** again wearing the black band of a Charge Nurse and this time on E-1.

Captain **Ekman** and Lieut. **Small** bringing joy to many men long awaiting the call of the paymaster. Both officers deserve an orchid or the male equivalent for paying off in cash.

Miss **Nell Shearer** in charge of the underground mess. Not a bomb-proof but merely the spot where the patient officers are fed.

Pvt. **James L. Gleeson** growing weary of the vigil for the return of the solitary seagull.

A report on the quartette singing "Sweet Adeline" after hours in T-49, and it was bad.

THRU CHANNELS

The Colonel calls the Major
When something must be done.
The Major calls the Captain
And starts him on the run.
The Captain then gets busy
And strives to make things suit
By shifting all the baggage
On a "shavetail" Second Lieut.
The said Lieutenant ponders
And strokes a beardless jaw,
And calls the trusty Sergeant
And to him lays down the law.
The Sergeant calls the Corporal
And explains how things must be.
And the Corporal calls the Private
And that, my friend, is ME!

—Ft. Mac Arthur Alert

A N C



DAPHNE M. FROMM
2nd Lieut. Army Nurse Corps

Miss Daphne M. Fromm has been discharged from the Reserve Corps to accept an appointment in the Army Nurse Corps of the Regular Army.

Miss Fromm was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she attended South and Milford High Schools before entering the Latter Day Saints' Hospital for her professional training. After graduation she remained on the staff of the same hospital until she was called to active duty with the Army in June 1941.

Miss Fromm holds the relative rank of Second Lieutenant, A.N.C., from February 3, 1942.

A number of the nurses seem to be worrying about an increase in weight and we wonder if the fine work of Miss Girodon, now assisting Mrs. Trueholtz, is foundation for the fear.

Miss Grace Shields has taken her turn at being a patient on Ward "P" this week but we expect her back on duty soon after the paper comes into circulation.

We know we failed to mention it but Miss Rosaleen Kelly is back on the job in the Clinic Annex.

And a letter from Miss Florence C. Jacobsen tells of the trials and tribulations of a Chief Nurse who is the first of her kind on a post.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, February 8, 1942
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

Ralph Ellis Murrel

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Ellis Murrel, Medical Corps, United States Army, died suddenly at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on Monday evening of this week while en route to his new station at Fort Lee, Virginia. Colonel Murrel had returned from the Philippines in October and was a patient at this hospital until he started the trip destined to end with his death.

Colonel Murrel was for a long time on the staff at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and in the office of the Surgeon General, and he had been 25 years in the service with the Medical Corps.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

February 8:
DRESSED TO KILL—Lloyd Nolan and Mary Beth Hughes. Also Short Subjects.
February 10:
CITIZEN KANE—Orsen Wells and Dorothy Comingore. Also Short Subjects.
February 11:
NAVY BLUE AND GOLD—Robert Young, James Stewart and F. Rice. Also Short Subjects.
February 12:
RELUCTANT DRAGON — Walt Disney Feature. Also Short Subjects.
February 13:
JOHNNIE EAGER—Robert Taylor Van Hefflin and Lana Turner. Also Short Subjects.
February 14:
DR. KILDARE'S VICTORY—Lew Ayres and Ann Ayers. Also Short Subjects.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Stations sending enlisted men as students to the schools this month were Moffett Field, California, twenty-three; Stockton Field, California, Twenty-eight; Mather Field, California, eleven. Letterman General Hospital sent seven men on special duty to this organization.

The duty personnel of the schools are very active these days, especially playing table tennis. A tournament has been started and everyone is practicing so he can reach the finals. A prize has been set aside for the ultimate winner.

Seems like this female situation is getting the boys down around here. There has arisen a growing jealousy between Everard V. Cruea and Robert L. Frasher on one side, and Albert H. Kachner and Allen R. Crampton on the other. The controversy was caused by two young women downtown, and appear to have both parties "snowed under," as they say. When you line up such a pair as this on each side, you can be sure there will be plenty of action!!

The officers of the schools have been giving lectures on world topics for the last couple of weeks. Each officer is given a chance to express his opinion on various issues and everyone in the schools is supposed to be present.

Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Hodge, formerly from the pharmacy of the Letterman General hospital, has been transferred to the pharmacy of the schools. His principal duties here will consist of giving lectures and teaching pharmacy to students of the school. According to well confirmed reports, he said he enjoyed it immensely when he heard that he had been transferred. We are all glad to have such a good man with us!

Talk about men being lost at sea and drowning, well, this reporter knows a couple of men who were also lost last Saturday night, but there isn't any knowledge in my mind that they were at sea. Maybe LeRoy Sixberry and Howard B. Dow had reasons for getting lost, who knows?



Master Sergeant Charles A. Chambers, QM Corps, Chief Clerk.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

ANOTHER OF THE SEMI-PERMANENTS AT LETTERMAN

Master Sergeant Charles A. Chambers was born in Lebanon, Missouri, in 1903, and attended the public schools of his native village. He first enlisted in the army at Little Rock, Ark., on July 25, 1927, and was sent to Nichols Field, near Manila, P. I., for his first duty station where he served with the Quartermaster Detachment. On completion of his tour of foreign service he was assigned to the Quartermaster Detachment at the Presidio of San Francisco for the balance of the enlistment. On July 25, 1930, he reenlisted for the Q.M. detachment at Letterman Hospital and he has served here continuously since that date.

He has been on duty in the Utilities and Procurement offices and at present he is the Chief Clerk in charge of all Quartermaster activities. On January 23, 1937, Sgt. Chambers was married to Miss Ann Cox of Gurdon, Arkansas. They have no children.

Reservists Asked To Await Orders

Members of the Regular Army Reserve, Enlisted Reservists, and Inactive National Guardsmen were advised today by the headquarters of the Ninth Corps Area not to give up their jobs until official orders for active duty are received.

Faced with the task of placing thousands of Reservists back on active duty, the Ninth Corps Area recently mailed questionnaires to all Inactive Reservists in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Nevada, asking if they were immediately available for active duty. Many Reservists reported for active duty shortly after receiving the questionnaire.

Since many men have reported for duty without orders, Ninth Corps Area officers cautioned Reservists to await the receipt of individual orders before reporting for duty. Reservists will be returned to active duty just as soon as the necessary orders can be issued, transportation arranged, and accommodations made available at reception centers.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week are extended to former Private George G. Jacobs who was appointed Sergeant, and to Privates Arthur F. Harris, Albert M. Harrison, Edward D. Erickson, Timothy J. Bradley appointed Privates First Class all on February 3.

On February 3rd, at 6:30 p. m. a wedding was performed in the Post Chapel at Letterman General Hospital by Chaplain Harry A. Shuder for Corporal William C. Ponting, and the former Miss Eileen Irwin. Mrs. Ponting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J B. Irwin of Fellows, California, is a student nurse at Franklin Hospital of this city and Corporal Ponting is chauffeur to Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt.

Private Rhea C. Stone and Miss Eunice Ottenwreath were best man and maid of honor for the bridal couple. Among the guests present at the ceremony were Brigadier General and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt.

Another marriage of interest is the ceremony that is to be performed this evening at 8:30 for Private James Gordon Gust and Miss Billie Kallen at St. John's Presbyterian Church. Private Gust's brother, Russell, will be best man for the groom and Mrs. Leonard Hall will be matron of honor for the bride. The ceremony will be witnessed by immediate members of the bride and groom's families.

Of Interest to See:

Sergeant George C. Edwards crawling out from under his bed after having slept there all night as payment for a bet he lost as to who is who among the Radio stars, the Andrew sisters.

Private Chester J. White trying to make up his mind which young lady he would lavish his attentions on one evening—Helen or Dorothy—and ultimately being too late to do anything about a date with either one of them.

Private James L. Gleeson excitedly awainting the 5th of February so he could present a young lady with a birthday present—a very lovely amethyst ring. Make no mistake says Gleeson, it is **strictly** a birthday present.

LINCOLN A GREAT WAR PRESIDENT



February 12, 1809, was a great year. Many great men were born in that year. Abraham Lincoln was born in a little log cabin shelter on a 30-acre farm in Kentucky. Carl Sandburg has written a very interesting account of the human side of Lincoln. He shows to us not only the young Lincoln but gives us the account of the pioneer American of that day. It may be that history "never repeats itself," but there are those who see a return of the America of today to something of the simple, stern realities of 130 years ago. Certain we may be that real character as against "make-up" and simulation must again be the order of personal living.

A thoughtful attitude toward war reveals the fact that war at times is a social necessity. Perhaps a stern one. Man is a combination of motives. He is essentially, or at least naturally, a selfish being. Self interest is predominant. And yet, this self interest is always doomed to defeat. The social and the ideal must be ever developed to balance human living. There are many factors on the job urging and developing the social factors of life. Our churches, social institutions generally, make for a social perspective. But these "fail" at times. Man becomes so selfish, so unsocial, and even anti-social, that the necessary balance must be won at great sternness and even bitterness. War at times is the only thing capable of making the human race cooperate and to be social. Paradoxical, as it may seem, we go to war to become peaceable and social. This thought does away with much of the sentimental and at the same time with the brutal in thinking.

The world of Lincoln was a world seemingly indifferent to the human values. President Jackson before him fought the banks for their grasping brutality. Society was ruthless and indifferent to social values. "Slavery" was the word for it. The solution to the situation was a war president, Abraham Lincoln. Here was a man sensitive to the need that men be human and humane. Human values were stressed again, yes, even fought for. In almost every incident in the early life of Lincoln this character factor shows up. The school of Lincoln was a grim school of social understanding and community interest. He fought that he might be tolerant.

When the Civil War came, whether we know it or not, America was brought once more into a social status. The selfishness, rampant in both North and South, was frustrated. The human and the ideal were liberated through struggle. The Declaration of the New Independence can be found in the Gettysburg Address. The rugged pioneer, Lincoln, was well trained for just the part he was to play in the great crisis of that day. Kindness must at times be severe. He knew that.

It is believed that America today with its selfishness too often brazenly apparent and demonstrative will find through this war—this world war so distressing on the surface, the needed reality that balances our America and brings back to us the freedom, the ideal and the spiritual realities the world must have. Leadership today is fortunate in that a great President of the United States is the helmsman at this time. This President has the same fundamental social understanding as did the great Lincoln in the treacherous days 100 years ago. War reduces pride and the social and ideal come alive.

May the spirit of Lincoln pervade our thinking today. Reality must be painfully severe if we are to live in the truth of the spirit.

More Cigarettes Donated for Oahu Patients

From mile high Denver came a package to the Post Chaplain this week containing 270 packages of cigarettes for the use of the patients who have been evacuated from Hawaii and the men appreciate this remembrance from over the mountains.

Mr. W. T. Maxwell, Secretary-Treasurer of Retail Clerks Local Unions No. 7, 420, and 454, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, sent a note of instructions concerning the local distribution and wishes of the donors will be followed.

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THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

February 8:

1822—Birth of Thomas Patterson, first American to enter Tokyo.

1881—Dr. George M. Sternberg, Army Surgeon General, discovers the pneumococcus—the pneumonia-causing germ. After many experiments with diseased sputum, General Sternberg first discovered the germ in a culture of his own saliva.

February 9:

1864—Colonel Thomas E. Rose leads 110 Union officers in a mass escape from Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. This feat was accomplished through a tunnel built under the prison walls.

1904—United States troops help control raging fire in Baltimore.

February 10:

1890—The President opens part of the Great Sioux reservation, Dakota, for settlement.

February 11:

1912—Army Engineers raise the Battleship "Maine," which blew up mysteriously in Havana harbor, February 15, 1898.

February 12:

1746—Birth of Thaddeus Kosciusko, Polish General, and aide-de-camp to General Washington.

February 13:

1933—Lieutenants J. A. Miller and Cedric J. Brockliss, of the 11th Bombardment Squadron, March Field, California, flying a Curtis "Condor" bombing plane, dropped more than 500 pounds of food, to prevent starvation of a party of eight miners, a woman and a small child, snowbound 117 miles north of Las Vegas, Nevada.

February 14:

1885—Congress authorizes three-quarters pay for private and non-commissioned officers in Army or Marine corps with 30 years' service.

1939—The Distinguished Flying Cross is presented to Major Caleb V. Haynes, Air Corps, for his feat in flying one of the Army's largest bombers loaded with medical supplies from Langley Field, Virginia, to Santiago, Chile. (Feb.4-6.)

DOUBLE FEATURE

The Fort Ord, California, theater offered a double feature the other night, "You're in the Army Now" and "Your Last Act." Soldiers liked the twin bill, but they're wondering now whether someone was "rubbing it in."

POST CHAPEL HAS LONG RECORD OF USEFUL SERVICE

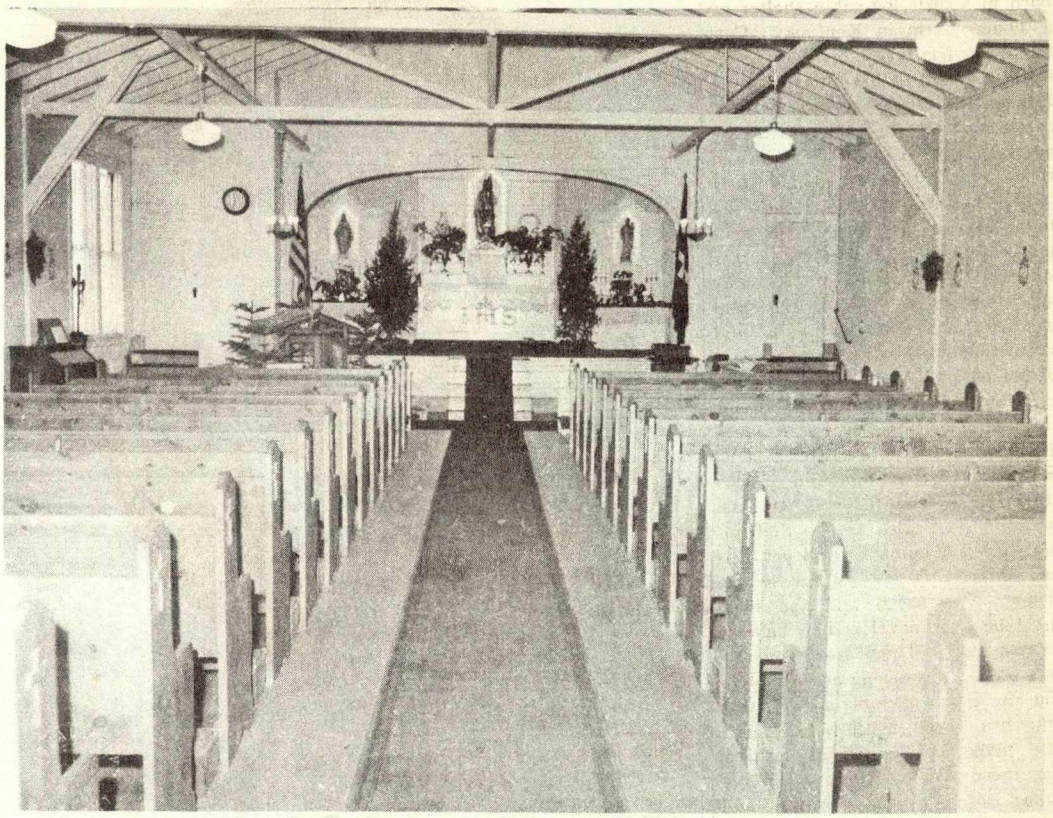
The attendance at the services held in the Post Chapel is an indication that some of our personnel are familiar with its location but the question more frequently asked is: "Where is the Post Chapel?" and that is often prompted by the query from the chaplain about church going and the object of this story is to reveal the location and some of the history of the Post Chapel.

The historical record of the post has a notation to the effect that the building housing the post exchange was erected in 1907 and the upper story of the same building was designed as an auditorium and recreation room for the patients of the hospital. A stage was built at one end of the room and equipment installed to permit the presentation of plays and other forms of entertainment. Later as the moving pictures were introduced a projection was placed at the other end of the room and pictures were thrown on a screen draped across the stage.

The auditorium was also used for religious services both by the hospital chaplain and visiting clergy on Sundays with the simple portable equipment of a lectern or a portable altar. For the rest of the week it was the gathering place for the ambulant patients for the lighter pastimes permitted by their physical condition.

In June 1919 the Recreation Center, built at a cost of $30,000.00, was opened for the patients and the personnel and the old auditorium was reserved for chapel use only. Very little was done to add ecclesiastical embellishment to the interior but church services were held on Sundays and holidays despite the lack of adornment.

In 1932 the Rev. George J. Bryant offered his services on a volunteer basis to the Commanding Officer—Colonel Shockley—and the offer was accepted. For the next six years Father Bryant acted as a full time chaplain without remuneration from any source and it was through his interest that the old auditorium and chapel began to look more like a church. He received very generous co-operation from the commanding officer and brought to it many articles of ecclesiastical equipment which were his personal property. His friends were rallied to make up any deficiencies and when the informal dedication took place late in 1932 the hospital had a chapel that was a great improvement over what had served the purpose for many years prior to that time.



The Post Chapel at Letterman General Hospital

A new altar was built and installed and this was flanked on each side by smaller altars on the raised platform which had been the stage in earlier days. Lighting facilities suited to the purpose were put in place and a very attractive chancel emerged with the transformation. In the body of the chapel about one hundred and fifty chairs were arranged for the congregation with movable kneeling benches, which often turned over with a loud noise unless the worshipper exercised care in getting down to his knees. A patented cover for the window panes gave the appearance of a church both from within and without. On the whole Father Bryant had done a good job and his congregation was well pleased.

The chapel was used for all services by Protestants and Catholics and the general interest maintained by the faithful added articles from time to time until the church goers felt they had a very attractive house in which to worship.

In 1940 during the tour of duty of Chaplain Frank P. MacKenzie as the Hospital Chaplain plans were in the making for modernizing the Post Chapel when Chaplain William J. Ryan, with proper station at Fort Scott, was given additional duty as the Catholic Chaplain at this hospital. Both chaplains looked about for ways and means to carry out their ideas and almost as if in answer to prayer Colonel Wallace DeWitt was assigned to command of the hospital. With his well known ability to get things done it was not very long before the "auditorium" was closed for repairs and refurnishment.

The painters went over the room from end to end, new wiring and modern lights were installed, and twenty four new pews replaced the old chairs. The windows were scraped clean and venetian blinds procured as substitutes for the window shades of ancient vintage. Adjustable kneeling benches were made with sponge rubber cushions and the caloused knees of regular worshippers began to soften up. The chancel took on a brighter hue with new carpets and a long rug covered the center aisle of the chapel. The auditorium had vanished and in its place we had a church.

The writer of this article is indebted to the long memory of Sergeant Charles W. Rogers, now retired, but who served at this hospital for twenty five years prior to passing to the retired list in 1938, for many of the facts as related. Staff Sgt. James Strickland, who has been in charge of the post office on the lower floor since 1920 added a few details to the story.

And the answer to the question: "Where is the Post Chapel?" It is above the Post Exchange and may be reached from front or rear by stairways plainly marked. We'll be seeing you in Church on Sunday.

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Military Police Always Prepared

The dean of all gag writers, Jokeman Joe Miller might put up an argument but the Public Relations Officer reports this as an actual occurrence at the Army Air Base at Charlotte, North Carolina. He says the Officer of the Day was checking up on a certain M.P.'s knowledge of methods for summoning aid quickly in case of an emergency. The Officer of the Day, posed a hypothetical problem. "Suppose," he said, "suppose you saw a battleship coming up the runway. What would you do?"

The M. P. came through, "Why, I'd pull out a torpedo and blow it up."

The Officer of the Day wasn't satisfied. "And where would you get the torpedo?"

"Well," said the M.P., "I'd get it the same place you got the battleship."

Remember that one, Mr. Miller?

LAB TECHNICIANS

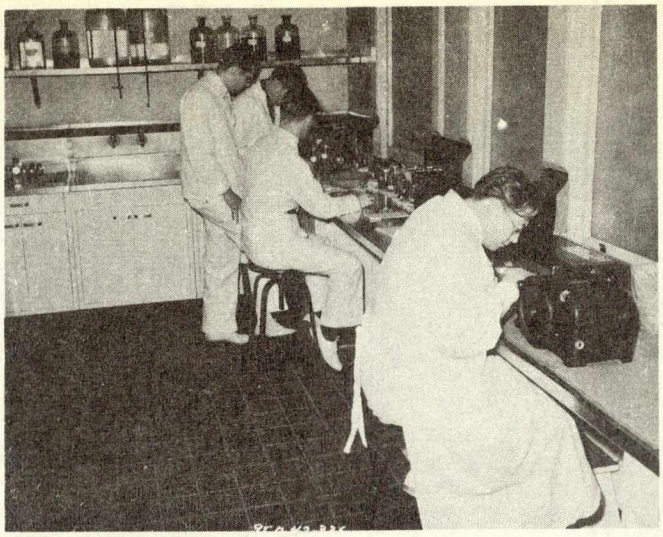
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School. Five years clinical laboratory experience mostly in Klamath County Health Department.

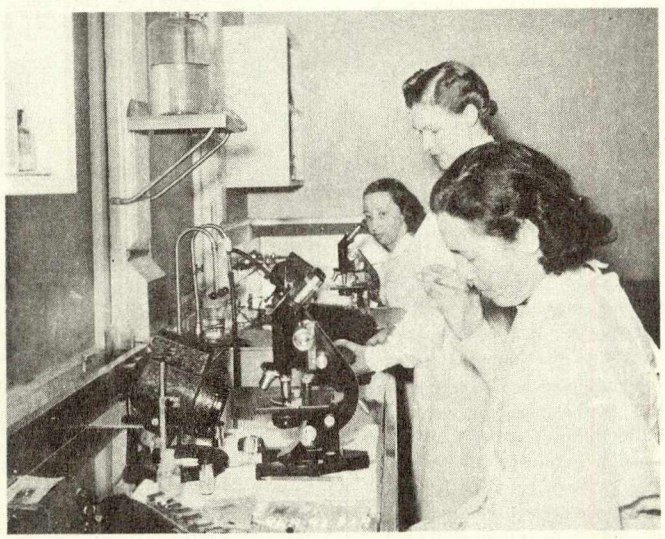
Miss Dixie Woodburn—Graduate University of California. Two and one half years postgraduate work in medicine. Six years clinical laboratory experience in different hospitals in Bay Area.

Miss Noble is employed full time in histopathology. Miss Grennan has charge of the preparation of media and other solutions as well as the washing and sterilization of glassware. With these exceptions all technicians are rotated through the various sections of the laboratory at regular intervals. Since all of the technicians on duty in the Letterman Hospital laboratory are exceptionally well qualified in all branches of the clinical laboratory this rotation serves to distribute the work and keep up an active interest in all forms of laboratory work.

When it is recalled that more than 200 different tests were listed as having been performed in the laboratory last year, the importance of this rotation from the standpoint of keeping up to the minute in all branches of the laboratory service may be appreciated. A brief perusal of the experience and qualifications of the technicial personnel listed in this article should satisfy any curiosity with regard to the accuracy of the laboratory work as well as the ability to put it out in the enormous quantity demanded by the professional services in this hospital and the other stations in the corps area.



HISTOPATHOLOGY SECTION, left to right: Dr. Francis W. Lanard, Interne; Maj. Gerson R. Biskin, M. C.; Dr. Wm. C. Doak, Interne; Miss Lona Noble.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



HEMATOLOGY SECTION, left to right: Miss Martha Lee, Miss Adelien Larson, Miss Dixie Wooburn.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

CLOCKS ADVANCE

basis, but only states that Daylight Savings Time will go into effect on the specified date.

Advanced time is not a new idea. It was used in the last war in the United States and throughout Europe for the same reason of economy, and proved successful in that regard. Daylight Saving Time was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1764, when as minister to France, he pointed out that the French could save millions of dollars in candles annually, by advancing their clocks one hour.

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LOST TREASURE

I've lost a lot of precious things
In my brief stay on earth.
Some things have been real tragedy
While others have caused mirth.
But worse, by far, than anything,
Now this is true, Old Pard;
To find you've lost, of all things else,
Your inoculation card.

How well I now recall the days
We had to stand in line;
To get the "shot" the doctors gave
With no one feeling fine.
So joyously, to us it seemed,
They'd jab the needle far
Until upon each marked arm
They made an awful scar.

This we endure for many a day:
Our teeth we firmly set,
And when it all was over; We
Were happy boys you bet.
Then, Woe is me, my gladness gone
My arm, so badly marred
Must feel again the sting; I've lost
My Inoculation Card.

I swear by every thing I know,
On earth and up in heaven,
That on a certain day and month
The third "shot" I was given.
But Doctor only smiles and says,
"My boy, I know it's hard
But you must take your 'shots' unless
You show to me your card."

My card is lost, and once again
I stand in line and wait
And every time the needle pricks
My being fills with hate
For the lowly Jap and all his crowd,
They really should be "tarred"
For causing me to suffer when
I lose that blooming card.

—Colonel Joseph L. Stomme

Special This Week At Post Exchange

Close out on tennis shoes—all sizes. Regular price $1.50. Special $1.00

Officers O. D. wool shirts—tailored by Yale $4.25

Parker's new gold pen and pencil sets. A buy at $15.00

Valentine candy — Whitman's — Miss Saylor's — MacFarlane's. Wrapped to mail ..... 25c to $2.50

AND OTHER SPECIALS ON THE COUNTERS

THE FOG HORN

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NEW USO CLUB TO OPEN NEXT WEEK FOR SERVICE MEN

Offering almost unlimited recreational facilities to men in uniform, a new four-story USO club at 111 O'Farrell street will open its doors on February 22 at 2 p. m., it was recently announced by Morton J. Gaba, director of the club, who warmly invites all men of this post to make their downtown headquarters at the new location.

A long study of diversions most enjoyed by soldiers has resulted in a broad choice of activity, and anything from dancing to billiards, and from Glenn Miller's latest hit to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is "On Tap" at the club for those who show the slightest desire. One section of the building contains shower and clean-up facilities; another section is devoted to ping-pong, pool, and active games where a night's play doesn't cost a cent. For those who enjoy recordings, either new jive discs, or classical arrangements are available. The music room also houses pianos, radios and provides music for those who can play.

A basement ballroom will be open every night with attractive hostesses on hand to trip the light fantastic, should you feel so inclined—they will be present on week-end afternoons as well as week nights.

"We cordially invite every man in every branch of the United States armed forces to make the USO Club his headquarters while in San Francisco. The only ticket of admission is a uniform, and the only cover charge is having a good time. The USO Club is for you, and any suggestions that you have will be fully appreciated and seriously considered. If it's what you want, then it's a success," declared the full time director, Mr. Gaba.



Colonel ARNETT P. MATTHEWS, D. C.

Who was Chief of the Dental Service here for 18 months is now receiving his mail at Camp Crowder, Neosho, Mo. He is a native of that state and likes the idea of being back with the home folks.

GRANT GRADUATES GROWING GREATER

With the large number of new faces around the post, veterans are beginning to feel like strangers. "With so many of our old buddies gone," they mutter, "and with so many new faces around, we're having a hard time feeling at home."

Latest newcomers to increase the good-humored mutterings of the veterans at Letterman arrived last week from Camp Grant, twenty strong. The training of this group differs from that of previous replacements in that they have all had actual experience in various medical routines while at Camp Grant. The new men are the first to have received this type of instruction, which amounted to supervised work in the station hospital, consisting of laboratory practice under real hospital conditions, the technicalities involved in medical and surgical wards, as well as instruction and practical experience in dispensary procedure and routine.

If early indications are any criterion, the new system of "training by doing" at Camp Grant will be very successful in providing more valuable medical soldiers, and it won't be long until the veterans hereabouts will be muttering, "Those instructors at Grant know their stuff all right, but look at the swell bunch of medical men we've made out of them. We're lucky to have such good material coming in—why, they are just as good as our old buddies, and that goes for off-work hours, too!"

Recent arrivals are:

William Bauer, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Broughton, Shelby, Mont.; Roger Campbell, Chicago, Ill.; Russell Carrow, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charles

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POST EXCHANGE SUPPORTS MANY ACTIVITIES AT LETTERMAN

Operated to supply Army personnel with commodities in common use at the lowest possible prices and not issued by the Government, the Letterman Post Exchange has become a detachment business concern of extensive scope and prime interest to all personnel of this command.

The Post Exchange is supervised by the trusteeship of the Commanding General, the Post Exchange Council and the Exchange Officer and operates for the convenience of the Army personnel. It also supports recreational athletics, entertainments, the service club and library as well as the Chaplain's Fund and the Recreation Fund. And under direct supervision of the Post Exchange are the Restaurant, Service Station, a Branch store in the East Hospital and also the following concessions: Post and Field Barber Shop and the Tailoring and Dry Cleaning Shop.

In 1940, under the direction of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, modernization of the Main Post Exchange was effected. Instead of the "country store" as it was affectionately called before renovations began, it has come to be known as a "model" Army Post Exchange.

The benefits to the detachment made possible by profits accrued from the Post Exchange are very evident around the post. The beautiful and extensive landscaping of the hospital grounds are only a small part. Recreational facilities in the form of tennis courts for the enlisted personnel, croquet and horseshoe facilities for the patients and personnel as well as a miniature golf course and a volley ball court are all a part of the out-of-doors recreations which have all been made possible by the Post Exchange fund. A modern and extensive library for those interested in study and reading plus game rooms of all types when weather is inclement is another phase of the hospital life responsible to the Post Exchange for its existence and growth. When the enlisted mens' service club and the recreation center were refurnished, equipped and redecorated the Post Exchange funds were used to make the comfort of the men and patients complete in this respect, and the Moving Pictures shown nightly at the Recreation hall plus the quarterly smokers and parties for the enlisted personnel are just another outlet for the expenditure of these funds.



1st Lieut. LOUIS F. ARNONE, M. A. C.
Officer in Charge of the Post Exchange

Operation of the Exchange falls on the shoulders of Lieutenant Louis F. Arnone, and the efficiency with which he operates is attested by the fact that during the year that Lieutenant Arnone has been in charge gross sales have more than doubled.

Lt. Arnone assumed his role of Post Exchange Officer in 1941 and came well qualified for the job. Starting in the Drug Business in 1916, in Pueblo, Colorado, Lt. Arnone served a five-year apprenticeship while attending Pharmacy School in Pueblo. Then with his family he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he continued his education in this line. In 1927 he passed the California State Pharmacy Board and then conducted business in his own Drug Stores in Los Angeles and Monterey, California.

In 1935 Lt. Arnone was appointed Second Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps-Reserve, and was promoted to First Lieutenant in June of 1940. August of the same year found Lieutenant Arnone upon Extended Active Duty and stationed at Letterman General Hospital. His duties at Letterman have included assignments as Assistant Medical Supply Officer, Assistant Post Exchange Officer, Officer in Charge of Pharmacy and Trial Judge Advocate on Special Court Martials.

Assisting Lieutenant Arnone as Post Exchange Steward is Technical Sergeant William E. Gross, who has seen duty in this capacity since the early part of 1940. And to Sergeant Gross falls the tasks of the general managing of the Post Exchange personnel staff and the accounting of the Post Exchange activities as well as assisting in purchases and the supervising and preparing of the Financial Statements.

The Post Exchange handles an attractive display of merchandise and all military personnel are invited to take advantage of the substantial saving that is made for their convenience. A large variety of merchandise can be obtained at this store. Wearing apparel, jewelry, toilet articles, light reading material and confections served at a modern fountain are some of the articles offered to the detachment personnel. And to a lesser degree the same can be said of the Branch Post Exchange which in addition has a tap room at one end of the building for the convenience of men who wish to enjoy a soft drink or bottle of beer after working hours.

For those who wish a meal, whether breakfast, lunch or dinner, the Post Exchange Cafeteria which adjoins the Main Post Exchange is open seven days a week and has a good choice of foods from which to choose. And for the motorist, a modern service station, completely equipped to service all types of automobiles and supply any need of the motorist, is ready to oblige cheerfully and at minimum prices.

The Post Exchange at Letterman plays a large part in the welfare of the personnel detachment. A modern business concern, its stockholders are the members of the detachment. With a double purpose in its existence it sells at reduced prices and then pays its dividends in the form of provisions for the comfort and happiness of all.



To Lieutenant and Mrs. Phillip Maslin, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Phillip Star, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born February 2, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Stephen F. Woods, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Sandra Lee, weight 6 pounds and 13½ ounces, born February 3, 1942.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert L. Delashaw, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Robert Lee, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born February 6, 1942.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

During the latter part of last week Private Everett E. Deeds was transferred into the schools Private Deeds is from the detachment of Letterman and will work as an assistant in the supply.

Eighteen students were sent back to their organizations on Thursday of this week, unable to absorb their complete course here in school. All enlisted men were sent back to Moffett Field, California, their home station.

Due to some very nice weather lately, officers and enlisted men of the school detachment have begun to play that favorite summer sport of tennis. Every one is digging out his tennis racket and other playing material. A swell time is in store for every one—if the weather remains the same! Let us hope it does.

Letterman General Hospital has now 13 men on special duty at the schools, the highest number of men from that station for over seven months. There are six dental students, two laboratory, two pharmacy, and three x-ray. Every man is giving a good account of himself and enjoying it also.

What has happened to our dear Sergeant Herman R. Knoller these days? He has been seen walking around timidly with a patch under his nose! He says it's a pimple but your up-to-the-minute reporter has found out different. It seems that he has taken something from the Eskimos and that this night life is getting the best of him!

Staff Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske and Private First Class Allen E. Greendale made extensive tours of Berkeley, Calif., on Sunday of this week. Both visited friends and relatives native to that city.

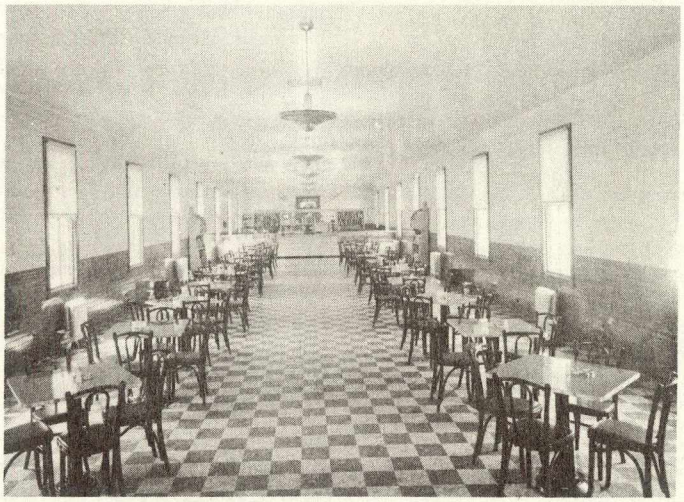
We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Charles R. Reuther, the wife of our sergeant major, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

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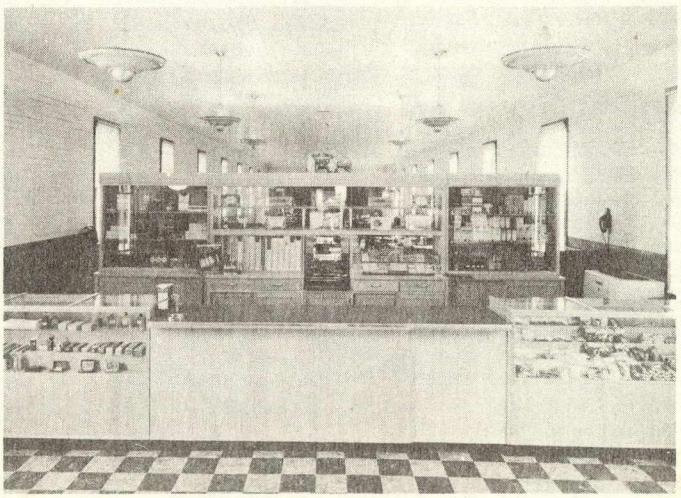
Serve in Silence



TAP ROOM of the East Hospital Exchange. A popular spot with the men during the evening hours.



Grill of the East Hospital Exchange.



East Hospital branch of the Post Exchange.

MEDICAL DETACH

Heard last Sunday A. M.: A terrible racket from barracks T-38—we thought it was a demolition squad at work, but investigation revealed it was only dear ole' Sergeant Guarisco trying to get the boys out of the hay! The gang over there just loves him . . . "If it wasn't for the Sarge," they say, "we'd never get to work on time every morning, why, he's a peach!"

If you are stuck on the post some Sunday afternoon, and have nothing else to do . . . . go over to the YMCA matinee dance for a good show. The jitterbugs over there really "agitate." Leading alligator from the detachment is Pvt. Wallace . . . he "cuts a mean rug."

Best wishes to PFC Carmen Felice, F-1 wardman, who was married last Sunday—the new Mrs. Felice was formerly Miss Gloria Bozzo. Both bride and groom hail from Gilroy, where the ceremony was performed.

Sgt. Robert E. Cook and Pvt. Paul A. Koski are back at Letterman again after a few months of civilian life. They were given discharges last year under the bill that provided relief for selected servicemen over 28 years of age. "We are both glad to be back in the detachment," they declare. And the detachment welcomes them.

Pvt. Edward Haverty, "the man who would never like working in the wards," is happy about his new promotion to Wardmaster.

WE WONDER:

Who started the rumor that PFC Gambril is engaged?

SHORT STORY:

It was a cold night . . . though not too cold for the patrol planes overhead, and Pvt. Otten thought he'd get just a few more hours in . . . . Look good on the diary, he reflected . . . . Otten carefully checked the head-rest and arranged the wool covering . . . . turned the radio control to "off" . . . "I won't need this, —not going far," he muttered, and opened the vents for just the necessary fresh air. Waving to his buddies down on the walk and glancing at the ominous skies, Pvt. Otten climbed in . . . . and was sound asleep before his friends were outside the gate . . .

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EDITORIAL

Wear Your Own Tags

One evening last week a soldier was brought to the hospital in a city ambulance for treatment for injuries resulting from an automobile accident on the highway.

In the Receiving Office an officer looked for identification tags and the soldier immediately informed him the tags around his neck were not his; he was supposed to send them to another man and wore them for safe keeping. That was his story.

Very patiently it was explained to him the possible consequences of his action in wearing tags other than his own and as he was only slightly injured it is hoped the explanation made an impression.

It does not take much of an imagination to picture the confusion which might ensue in all quarters under the circumstances in the event of a serious accident or death.

It is important that the identification tags be worn at all times and the information required by regulations should be complete. We know it is the duty of commanding officers to enforce the regulations concerning the wearing of the tag but each man owes it to himself to comply with the regulation just as a matter of common sense.

WEAR YOUR OWN TAGS.

HUASHING IN HUACHUCA

The best dressed soldier in Fort Huachuca (Wah-choo-ka), Arizona, very shortly should be Private Jesse L. White of Michigan. White arrived carrying his regular luggage, plus a complete home laundry system, including iron, washboard and ironing board.

THE OBSERVER SAW

"Tony" Traveline, John Holloway, Bill Lovelace, and **"Tex" Tyre** all lined up to be shot but this time it was by a Signal Corps photographer.

An automobile under the shed with N. Y. tags numbered UU-13. Lucky that is not in the Second Army where anything that sounds like "Yoo-hoo" is akin to treason.

George Kissel going for ice cream cones in a big way.

Henderson Leach learning to manipulate a wheel chair better than he drove a car a few months ago.

Bill Friedauer and **Cleo Pittman** leading the parade in buying Defense Bonds. Bill was first in the line and "Pitt" not far behind.

Mr. **C. C. Myers,** all the way from Mt. Vernon, Ill., to visit his nephew, **Cliff Ventress,** and bring news of the old home town.

Four days of sunshine in succession doing a lot to bring out the smiles on the corridors. Of course, that is our usual weather.

Chaplains from the organizations in this vicinity visiting the men of their commands—and always welcome.

Miss **Isabel McCullough,** the Director of Recreation, in uniform and she makes a fine picture.

General Shows 'Em

As one of Uncle Sam's new privates wept copiously over his kitchen police assignment—that of peeling onions—Brigadier General James L. Frink, Fourth Corps Area Quartermaster, entered on an inspection tour. Recalling his own early days in the Army, General Frink gave the soldier some good advice. By the time the General departed, the rookie, no longer teary, was peeling onions under the water.

ANC



During the past week we welcomed another recruit to the staff in the person of Miss **Celia Stuckey,** who was born in Carroll, Ohio, went to high school in Lancaster, and took her professional course in the Lancaster Municipal Hospital in her native state. Following graduation Miss Stuckey was on the staff of the Hines Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps-Reserve on February 2, 1942, and reported at Letterman for duty three days later.

Maybe it was just as well no photographer was present to snap pictures at the gasmask drill last week.

A handy sort of person to have on any nursing staff is Miss **Agnes Doyle,** who is able to fill in anywhere when an unexpected vacancy arises. The young lady gets around.

We lost another of our young Chief Nurses during the week and now the remaining three are watching the mail man each morning.

Have you bought that Defense Bond yet?

You should.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

February 15:

THE WOMAN—Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer and R. Russel. Also Short Subjects.

February 17:

THE BUGLE SOUNDS —Wallace Beery and Marjorie Maine. Also Short Subjects.

February 18:

MR. AND MRS. NORTH—Gracie Allen and Virginia Grey. Also Short Subjects.

February 19:

BLACKMAIL—Edward G. Robinson and Ruth Hussey. Also Short Subjects.

February 20:

SLEEPERS WEST—Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Barrie. Also Short Subjects.

February 21:

BELLE STAR—Randolph Scott and Gene Tierney. Also Short Subjects.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 15, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Ash Wednesday, February 18.
6:00 a. m. Blessing of Ashes and Mass.
7:30 p. m. Rosary Benediction.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

February 15:

1905—Death of General Lew Wallace Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," and former Union General in the War Between The States.

February 16:

1924—Two squadrons from Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York, drop flowers over the grave of the late Lawrence Sperry during the funeral services at Brockville, Long Island, of the noted manufactured and inventor of the Sperry gyroscope and other aviation instruments.

February 17:

1893—Envoys of Liliuokalani, deposed Queen of Hawaii, reach Washington.

1904—The Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland, thanks the Army for its aid in controlling the raging fire of February 9.

February 18:

1898—The U. S. Army establishes safety zone in the Lynn Canal District, Alaska, to protect life and property during the gold rush.

February 19:

1867—Dakota Indians cede Lake Travere reservation to the United States.

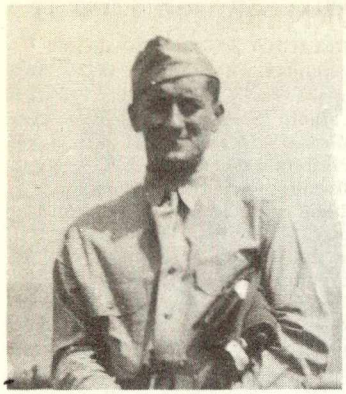
February 20:

1726—Birth of William Prescott, commander of the American forces at Bunker Hill.

February 21:

1922—Dirigible baloon "Roma" (built in Italy for the United States) explodes by contact with high tension wires descending at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. STANLEY OLEJNICZAK

Private Stanley Olejniczak of the Professional Service School has lived a full and interesting life in the 25 years which have taken him half way around the world and back again in his pursuit for the things every American has had as a matter of course and for which we are now fighting—freedom to live as we choose.

Pvt. Olejniczak was born in Detroit, Michigan, May 6, 1916. When five years of age he journeyed with his parents to Poland where his father was in business and Stanley followed the normal life of any young man in that country. For the next 18 years he lived the life of the Polish people, enrolling in the University of Warsaw where he completed two years study in Biology and one year of medicine.

On September 1, 1939, while on vacation in the Western part of Poland Pvt. Olejniczak found himself trapped by the fast moving lines of the invading German army. He witnessed the devastation of the entire countryside by the German Stuka Dive Bombers of the country around the hamlet in which he was visiting; he saw whole villages leveled; he witnessed nearly the entire populace of the village he was in either killed or wounded.

When Pvt. Olejniczak reached Warsaw it had been in German hands for two days and he was forced to flee once more. He attempted to enter Russia only to be met by the Russian army which was invading from the east. His plans of flight left him no other alternative than to go to Italy. He contacted the American Consul in that country and obtained a working passage on the S. S. Washington.

His ambition to get into the U. S. Army was fruitless at first because he spoke no English. So he proceeded to Detroit, Michigan, enrolled in school meanwhile assisting in the Polish Morning Radio program as means of a livelihood and an attempt to help avenge the atrocities committed by the German army.

On June 28, 1942, Stanley Olejniczak became Private Olejniczak when he was inducted into the Army. He was sent to the Signal Corps at Fort Custer, Michigan, and then to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Later he effected a transfer to the Medical Corps and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. And for special training he was sent to Letterman.

Private Stanley Olejniczak has two very strong ambitions and he is achieving partial success in both as a member of the country's armed forces. First, he wants to help all he can to show his appreciation for "being an American Citizen"—and second, he wants to complete his medical studies.

Private Olejniczak says, "I am an American citizen and hope I can sustain the great faith the American people have placed in me by giving me succor when I needed it so badly and after such a long absence."



WALTON MEREDITH EDWARDS
1st Lieut. Medical Corps, U. S. Army

One Moment Please

The Signal officer at Camp Davis, North Carolina, has issued the following self-explanatory communique: "Will the person or persons who inadvertently appropriated pay phone from wall of the recreation hall for souvenir, please return telephone? Coin box may be kept as a personal memento. Telephone is needed urgently. We have a number of customers waiting for service."

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REGULAR ARMY COMMISSION FOR CAPTAIN EDWARDS

Announcement was made this week by the Secretary of War of the appointment of Captain Walton Meredith Edwards, Medical Corps-Reserve, to the rank of First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, Regular Army.

Captain Edwards was born in Washington, D. C., and came west for his college course at Stanford University where he was graduated with the Class of 1933. He received his degree in Medicine at Cornell University Medical School in 1937. His internship was served at the Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester and he held a residency in the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

His commission in the Medical Corps Reserve was given in 1937 and in 1940 while on a Fellowship in Allergy and Pediatrics at the University of Rochester he was ordered to extended active duty with station at Letterman General Hospital where he remains for the time being under his recent commission as an officer of the Regular Army.

Captain Edwards was married in 1937 to Miss Berenice E. French, of Oakland. They have no children.

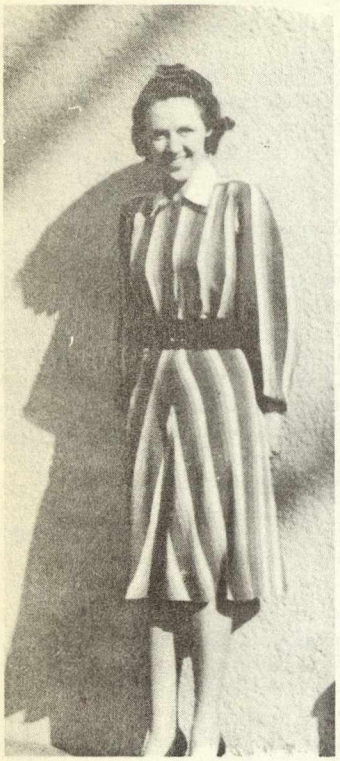
They Pulled This on Dad

A gang of new recruits arriving at the Charlotte, North Carolina, Army Base, lined up for their first real drill. The sergeant showed them a few fundamentals, then gave them "at ease." Addressing the bewildered group, the sergeant said, "How many of you know anything about shorthand?"

A lot of hands went up. "Okay," said the drill master, "all you guys fall out over here—and then we'll march down to the kitchen, they're SHORT-HANDED on K. P.'s this morning."

Someone had a brilliant idea out at Camp Callan, California, when some of the soldiers complained that they couldn't hear the whistle usually blown for chow calls. They substituted an auto horn. But they went back to the whistle in a very short time. Too many complications arose with the chow hounds dropping their work and rushing for the mess halls, every time a jallopy tooted it's horn within hearing distance of the camp.

MISS NICOLLS IS MOVING TO THE SOUTHLAND



Miss PEARL G. NICOLLS
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.)
A. N. C.

Miss Pearl G. Nicolls, one of our younger Chief Nurses, and a member of the staff at Letterman for the past four years, left this week for her new station at Camp Lockett in southern California, where she will be in charge of the nursing staff at the station hospital of that command.

Miss Nicolls is a native of Canada but took her professional training in the French Hospital of this city and followed that with post graduate work at the City and County Hospital of San Francisco which almost makes her eligible for associate membership in the Native Daughters of the City by the Golden Gate if there be any such association.

The young Chief Nurse, about to exercise jurisdiction in her own command for the first time, will have the good wishes of everyone at Letterman and she may send back occasional bulletins to enable our readers to follow her progress.

Serve in Silence

Hay! Hay!

Ambition is driving Private Irving Blackwell of Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Irving wants to become a writer for the camp newspaper. He figured if he haunted the Public Relations Office sufficiently, somebody might give him a job, just to keep him out of the aisle. And he figured correctly. Says the camp newspaper editor, "Try your hand on this yarn. We could use something clever on the fact that 4,000 bales of straw will be used by 15,000 men on maneuvers. But keep it short and snappy."

Three hours later Irving arose from a typewriter and triumphantly submitted a sheet of paper to the editor. "There it is,' he said, "short and snappy." On the paper, the editor read this single sentence: "Four thousand bales of straw—that ain't hay." Private Irving Blackwell doesn't haunt the Public Relations Office any more.

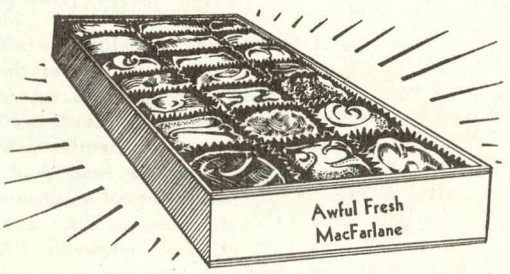
Splitting Split Seconds

The U. S. Army pilot has the greatest respect for the highly trained, highy specialized navigator-bombardier. When one of these men comes up with a calculation, there's nothing more to be said on the subject.

Not long ago, a bombing plane was returning to its base at Maxwell Field, Alabama, after a successful mission during maneuvers. The pilot asked his navigator for the estimated time of arrival. A moment later the navigator gave his pilot the information, only to get this additional question: "Is that the time we'll arrive at Hangar ONE, or Hangar THREE?"

Special Announcement!

Due to paper shortages, etc., Awful Fresh MacFarlane announces that his one pound box of candy has been made larger and now holds two pounds of candy. Also, his 2 lb. box has been made smaller and now holds 1 lb. of candy. The price of the 1 lb. box (holding two pounds), is the same as the former price of the 2 lb. box. The price of the 2 lb. box (holding one pound) is the same as the former price of the 1 lb. box. This undoubtedly means a great saving for somebody, altho Mr. MacFarlane hasn't had time as yet to figure out who.



THE POST EXCHANGE SELLS THIS CANDY

If It's a Gadget You're Wantin' Murphy Can Find It



WILLIAM MURPHY
Technical Sergeant, Medical Dept.

In an institution as large as Letterman Hospital there are many important people whose names are never heard and yet they contribute much to the smooth working organization maintained here.

One of the non-commissioned officers working behind the scenes and doing a good job is Technical Sergeant William Murphy, who holds the title of Purchasing Clerk in the Medical Supply Department. It is his business to procure all of the nonstandard supplies which are purchased locally and to know where to find the numerous gadgets no one outside of the Medical profession can even pronounce.

Sergeant Murphy was born in Crescent City, California, and later attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, still in the native state. He enlisted in the army at Letterman Hospital in 1934 and remains to this date. He was started in the Medical Supply, and subsequently had duty with the Message Center, Information Office, Police & Personnel, and back to Medical Supply.

He was promoted to Corporal on January 20, 1938; to sergeant on December 21, 1939; to Staff Sergeant on December 1, 1940; and to his present grade of Technical Sergeant on August 5, 1941.

He is tall, dark, and handsome—and a bachelor.

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TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS ALL SIMPLE TO OUR EXPERT

If one of these rainy evenings in sheer boredom you indulged in a flight of fancy and came up with the crazy notion of a trip to the town of Okeechobee in Noxubee county of old Missouri the man who could come nearest to making out your ticket even if he first had to move the town from Florida and the county from Mississippi to the "Show me" state is our old friend Mr. Ernest E. Jakobs, who knows all there is to be known about rail and bus transportation in these United States and some parts of Canada and Mexico.

Long before the New Deal began tossing about capital letters as abbreviations for government agencies which Al Smith, of the sidewalks of New York, popularized as alphabet soup, our competent transportation expert had used the initials of the main railroads in much the same fashion and when he is arranging a convoy with the local ticket agents the conversation is apparently being carried on in a foreign language for all the average traveler could understand but when tickets are delivered anyone can read the routing and destinations.

Just about the time World War I became part of the activity of this nation Mr. Jakobs was appointed to the transportation section of the Quartermaster's office at this hospital. He was given one of the fancy roll top desks, with plenty of pigeon holes until he had within reach time tables for every railroad in the country. He was moved from the QM building to the Administration building a few years ago and the desk went along with him. He and that desk were the whole transportation department and the movement of personnel and all patients got its impetus from that office.

About a year ago when the army began to expand there was a corresponding increase in business with the railroads and more room was needed as the activity outgrew the capacity of that familiar piece of furniture so Mr. Jakobs was again moved to a larger room in the basement of one of the wards and closer to the other Quartermaster functioins. A new wide flat top desk was made available but spurned and the old desk went along to the new location. Mr. Jakobs was given one assistant, then two assistans, and finally three assistants but the nog-



Mr. ERNEST W. JAKOBS
Principal Clerk for the Transportation Branch of the Quartermaster's Office.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

gin that knows all the angles to the railway layout belongs to the man in front of the roll top desk.

"Jake," as he is affectionately called by his intimates, is a Civil Service employe and the hours of work are fixed by the law of the land but any time an eight hour day was not sufficient for him to clean up the work he never hesitated to remain longer. Even a Sunday morning would find him attending to details which he felt should not wait until Monday. When the working day began at nine o'clock it was the usual thing for "Jake" to appear shortly after eight in the morning. He could take thirty minutes for lunch but the time he took out for the noon repast was nearer ten minutes. When there was work to be done, a convoy to be arranged or even a single ticket for Private John Doe to return to his proper station on discharge from treatment as a patient, Mr. Jakobs stayed with his job until he had cleaned up the desk. When it was finally decided he should have a desk name plate the painter mis-spelled his name but Jake has never taken the time to insist on a correction. No one would ever mistake him for anyone else just because that painter put "c" instead of "k" on the plate. One look into that office and you know who is he head man.

The accompanying photograph was taken in a lull which Mr. Jakobs reluctantly took from his work while the cameraman was setting the focus and the flash had scarcely gone off before he was back at work. His green eye shade and favorite pipe are essential equipment in the performance of duty and if from time to time he bites hard on the stem of the pipe his voice never gives any indication of annoyance suggested by an unreasonable request. Thorough and unhurried he grinds out each day's grist with uniform precision.

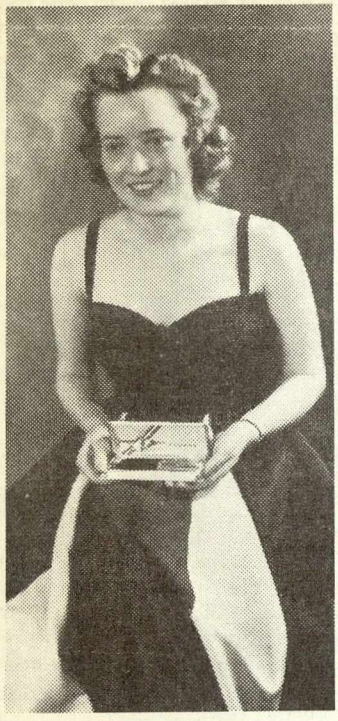
During the past year Mr. Jakobs has supervised the activities of his office in the issuing of 2,564 transportation requests covering the travel of 4,093 passengers at a total cost of over one hundred thousand dollars and the issuing of sixty five hundred meal tickets for use on trains at a cost of over eighteen thousand dollars. In addition to the above he arranged for the shipment of over a million pounds of personal and government property.

He is a specialist in locating generally unknown and unlisted railroad stations and arranging for through trains to stop at so-called non stop stations.

In the rush of business consequent to World War II "Jake" will still find time to help you with your problems involving transportation. The solution is at hand when you hear him clear his throat and remove the pipe from between his lips.

Jake knows all the answers.

PEN PALS



Here is Miss Dorothy Mae Condon—selected by members of Uncle Sam's Army as the most beautiful girl writing to a soldier. She is proudly holding a Parker pen and pencil set, which she says, "Will keep me inspired to write more letters." OUR POST EXCHANGE HANDLES FINE PARKER PENS.

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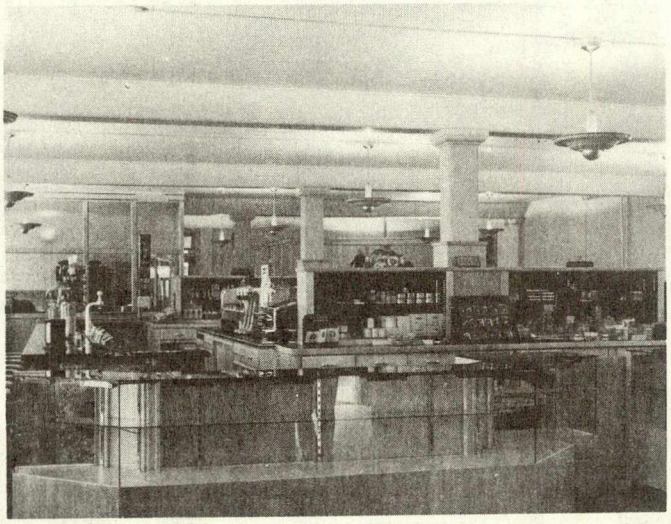
GRANT GRADS

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Conley, Van Nuys, Calif.; Anthony Domingos, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Zeryl Dryden, Talmage, Calif.; Kenneth Gilbertson, Bladensburg, Md.; Irving Gonvick, Goonvick, Minn.; David Goodman, Detroit, Mich.; John Grady, Santa Ana, Calif.; Marion Jones, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Robert Kibele, Chicago, Ill.; Bernard Morof, Detroit, Mich.; Earl Morrison, Elmwood, Ill.; Gaylord Palmer, Northfield, Minn.; Lonnie Redus, Dallas, Texas; Amos Skadsheim, San Jose, Calif.; Robert Sullivan, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Weller, Los Altos, Calif.; Charles Wikoff, Lodi, Calif.; Albert Yaverbaum, New York, N. Y.



THE MAGAZINE RACK of the main store, Post Exchange. The Exchange Officer, Lieut. Arnone, is buying a magazine from Mrs. Stanley, clerk in charge of that section. Note that the Officer is paying for his magazine. No cumshaw even for the head man.



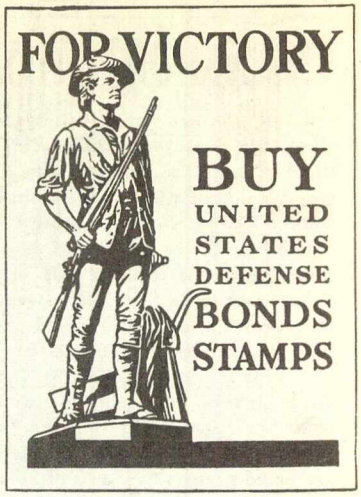
MAIN STORE—Letterman Hospital Post Exchange with show case cleared out for new stock for a rapid turnover.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

New Clipper Record

American aviation has added another to its long list of famous Clippers—but this time it wasn't a plane. It was the cadet barber at Maxwell, Alabama. Cadets must have short hairlines which may explain Barber Joe Williams' claim to fame. Joe says he set the new world record by clipping 170 heads in a single 8 hour day—and that's a lot of clipping!

COLD WEATHER

The adopted Floridans at Camp Blanding are quite proud about the state's claim to weather superiority. That may be the reason they like to tell the story of an incident in a northern state where they were on maneuvers recently. It's a yarn about a certain artillery guide who "froze" while pointing in the wrong direction, and ran an entire convoy into a farmer's barn.



WAR NEEDS MONEY!

It will cost money to defeat our enemy aggressors. Your government calls on you to help now.

Buy Defense Bonds or Stamps today. Make every pay day Bond Day by participating in the Payroll Savings Plan.

Bonds cost $18.75 and up. Stamps are 10¢, 25¢ and up.

The help of every individual is needed.

Do your part by buying your share every pay day.

The Chaplains will assist you to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

GET IN LINE

There may be another side to this story when the waitresses at Service Club No. 1 at Fort Ord, California, has a chance to be heard. But until that time you'll have to take the word of Private Victor Muscat. Vic had the matrimonial urge the other day, so he popped the question to one of the waitresses. Now, he swears up and down that she didn't say a word in response. She simply handed him an application blank.

The Eyes Have It

There isn't going to be any defective vision among Uncle Sam's soldiers. No, sir! In other words, if the men in khaki need spectacles, the Army will provide them absolutely free and they'll conform to standards issued by the Surgeon General of the Army. Of course, if the personnel doesn't care for the GI specs, they can exercise their own preference—at their own expense.

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Major Clark in Reminiscent Mood On Jap Quake Aid

The news despatches from Bataan Peninsula during the past week in which preference was made to the life preservers found in the small boats used by the enemy in attempting landings on the beaches as having been part of the supplies sent to Japan in 1923 for the relief of the earthquake victims prompted our own Major Clark to indulge in a few reminiscences.

The major was at that time a lieutenant and on duty as the Medical Supply officer for the Philippine Department. At nine o'clock one evening he was ordered to prepare a shipment of all available medical supplies to be placed on the transport "Merritt" and to proceed with the shipment to Yokohama. He sailed with the transport at noon on the following day.

The transports "Thomas" and "Meigs" followed from Manila while the "Somme" set out from San Francisco similarly laden with everything in the way of medical and quartermaster supplies as well as personnel to help care for the victims of the quake. It was estimated that a quarter of a million casualties resulted from the catastrophe and in American fashion the supplies might have cared for twice that number.

A Japanese naval medical officer acted as the representative of the government in receiving the supplies and Major Clark explained the contents of the various packing cases as unloaded. In one of the boxes were some fifteen hundred web belts with first aid pouches attached. The Jap asked details on the use of that

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LIEUT. COLONEL ORAL B. BOLIBAUGH, M. C.
Who was for four years Chief of the Orthopedic Section of the Surgical Service, sends a greeting to his former associates from his present station at Camp San Luis Obispo.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Cerps

THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt did not use those exact words, but he conveyed that idea to all unit commanders in the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, in a directive issued today from his headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Emphasizing the importance of getting mail to the soldiers, the General quoted the following Army policy:

"As a factor in the maintenance of the morale of an Army, the importance of an efficient postal service cannot be overestimated. All commanders, from the highest to the lowest, are responsible for the efficiency of the postal service within their commands."

As a major aid in getting the mail through, the directive stressed the importance of correct addresses. It said:

"A considerable quantity of mail could not be delivered during the 1941 holiday period, or its delivery was delayed for the reason that the address did not include the company or unit and regiment or separate battalion to which the soldier was assigned or attached. This type of mail is being received daily despite publicity given by the Post Office and War Department relative to proper addressing of mail for military personnel. This has resulted in the receipt of complaints from military personnel, civilians and Members of Congress regarding failure of, and delays in, delivery.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the prompt and efficient handling and delivery of mail to military personnel depends solely upon the inclusion of the unit

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RADIOLOGICAL SERVICE A VERY ACTIVE DEPARTMENT

In the field of radiology the world has witnessed progress unprecedented in any other field of medicine. The entire history of X-ray and radium is crowded into the past forty-five years. This period began with the discovery by William Conrad Roentgen of an unknown ray which had the power of penerating objects which were opaque to ordinary light. Three years later Madame Curie discovered polonium and radium. The combined efforts of physicians and physicists throughout the world resulted in rapid progress, and the radium soon revolutionized many concepts in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Extensive use of the X-ray has also been made in indusry.

Progress in radiation physics has by no means ceased, and at present considerable research is being carried on, particularly in the field of artificial radioactivity. During the past two decades X-ray departments have developed from poorly lighted, cramped quarters in some undesirable location, to modern, adequate quarters in keeping with the importance of the services rendered by such departments.

The Radiological Service at Letterman General Hospital began functioning in the present location on November 1, 1940, after occupying temporary quarters in Ward R. for several months. Lt. Col. Luther R. Moore, M. C., spent considerable time and effort in planning the present department, and this effort resulted in a department of which we can be justly proud. The convenient floor plan, selection of good quality equipment and building material, and the satisfactory storage and closet space, all combine to make the Department a smooth functioning and well appearing department. Visiting radiologists from the east and west have been of accord in their praise, and have all been impressed by the outstanding neatness and lack of crowding. The Department is not as large as some on the west coast, but as to general appearance and practical arrangement it has few equals.

The Department is divided into two sections: the diagnostic and the therapeutic. In the diagnostic section there are three complete radiographic rooms, each of which contains a complete diagnostic unit. Two of these rooms are equipped for fluoroscopic as well as radiographic procedures, and two of them are equipped with rotating anode radiographic tubes which are a recent development and a material aid in producing films of superior quality. All of the equipment is modern and shock proof. The high voltage lines in the rooms enter through the ceiling and are covered with shock proof insulation, which eliminates the danger of shock. All the controls are in a separate booth, affording maximum protection for the technicians.

One of the best features of these rooms is the storage space, consisting of a large closet and a steel top cabinet in which all accessories are kept when actually in use. This storage space contributes materially in the maintenance and orderliness of the rooms.

The film processing room is large, well ventilated, and finished in light colors, which is a departure from the long popular, black, depressing room.

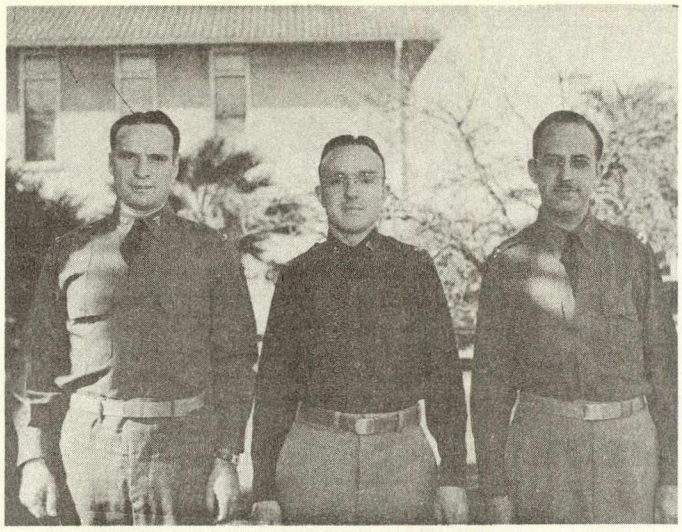
The genito-urinary diagnostic X-ray unit is located in the Genito-Urinary Section of the Surgical Service. The present unit was installed during 1941 and has all modern features, including the latest shock proof, ray proof, and tube protecting factors. Four portable X-ray units for bedside, clinic, and operating room radiography and fluoroscopy complete the diagnostic facilities.

The film filing room was modernized during the past year, greatly improving its appearance and working conditions. The overhead fire sprinkler system was removed as it was no longer necessary; the films now in use need no special storage facilities and can be stored as any paper records.

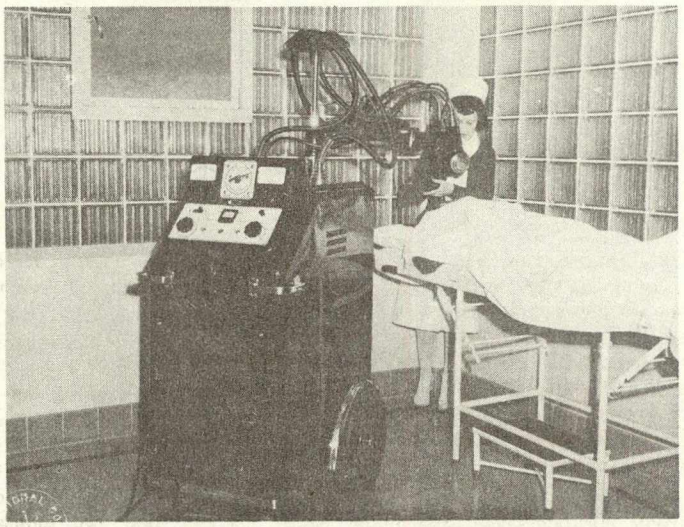
During 1941 the number of cases examined in the diagnostic sections was about twice that of 1940. The equipment was found to be adequate to take care of the increase, although an augmented personnel was found necessary. A total of 28,282 examinations were made in the diagnostic section during 1941, 1400 of this number being chest examinations made during the twenty-four hour period of December 24th and 25th, 1941. Early in January 1942, a group of 1850 chest examinations were made in addition to the routine procedures. The X-ray school of the Special Service Schools, L. G. H., ably assisted the diagnostic section in producing films of the latter group.

In addition to the diagnostic procedures performed for this hospital and hospitals in the bay area, many films are sent to this hospital from numerous points in the Corps Area for interpretation. Recently a large number of chest films of extended active duty candidates, showing suspicious lesions, have been received for an opinion as to whether or not the applicants should be accepted for extended active duty. This Department also acts in a consulting and advisory capacity as to equipment, arrangement of X-ray installations, and other problems arising in many

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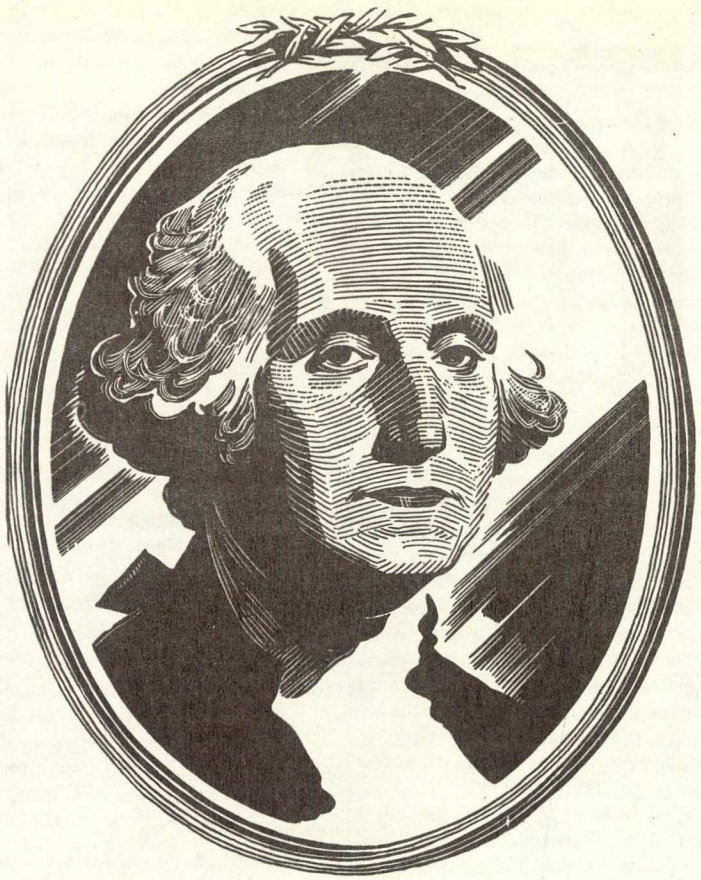


MAJOR HAROLD I. AMORY and the officers of the Radiological Service. Left to right: Lieut. Sidney Rubenfield, Major Amory, and Captain Woodrow W. Schmela.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



MOBILE SUPERFICIAL therapy unit in operation under the supervision of Miss Hanson, Therapy Nurse.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

GEORGE WASHINGTON IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION



Great men are usually not understood. In some cases it takes years before the issues for which they lived and fought become clear. The prophets of truth have usually been stoned. It is a rare incident for great men to be recognized during their life time.

Washington received some recognition while he lived but most of it came after his day. The very interesting truth is that his real genius has **not even now** been recognized. Washington was a surveyor in more ways than one. He was able to see that the fundamentals of his program which he so strongly led would not be realized till some time after his passing. This insight he has given to us in the inscription on his shield. This inscription proves Washington both a philosopher and at the same time a religious seer.

The words in Latin on his shield or crest are these: "Exitus Acta Probat." These words when translated place Washington in a well-known Philosophical school. They can be translated to read. "The End Proves the Deed." This is progmatic philosophy. The proof of the pudding is the eating. Actions speak louder than words. Deeds rather than speeches. Truth is what truth does. This philosophical dictum proves that Washington was a practical man. But the best is that these words carry in them the recognition that the Constitution which Washington so carefully guided—it was his great achievement—this Constitution was not to be fully realized till later—till much later! The Preamble of the Constitution is a statement of human aims, hopes and faith which will become in reality a creed for the American people. Washington's greatest is not yet known and it will not be until this monument of human aims, ambition survey of social needs, becomes the basis of the faith which is America. The framers of the Constitution did not care for religious creeds. They were against an established church. But the Preamble of the Constitution is so noble and broad that some day it will become even the creed of religious thinking in America. When that day comes Washington will then be "proved" to be a truly great historical character. Exitus Acta Probat! The end tells the story —proves the "deed".

We have been a republic for 150 years but have known all too little of it. The personnel that have been managing the Constitution have not been all they should have been. The day will come when personnel will be adequate to the needs of the times and when great leaders will see to it that the Creed of America becomes a "deed" worthy of the dream of the founders.

A progmatic philosophy is often gravely misunderstood. Washington was not understood even in vital moments. We all regret the misunderstanding he had with Thomas Paine. Paine was an idealist of the uncompromising sort. He was a fighter. He never retreated. He could not retrench in order to advance. It will be recalled that the Virginia Colonel advised the British General Braddock to retreat from Ft. Duchesne. But Braddock would not and was wiped out. At Valley Forge, Washington camped his army while many thought he should be out fighting. Washington had to write a letter of explanation to the Continental Congress. Here is the letter. Soldiers should read this letter.

"As a proof of the little benefit received from a clothier-general, and as a further proof of the inability of an army, under the circumstances of this, to perform the common duties of soldiers . . . we have, by a field-return this day made, no less than two thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight men now in camp unfit for duty, because they are barefoot and otherwise naked . . . Since the 4th instant, our numbers fit for duty, from the hardships and exposures they have undergone, particularly on account of blankets (numbers having been obliged and still are, to sit up all night by fire, instead of taking comfortable rest in a natural and common way), have decreased near two thousand men."

The letter reveals the wisdom of the crest—Exitus Acta Probat. When the weather was ready the troops were there. Had clothes been available the troops would have been active. A live soldier, is better than one frozen, or dead through exposure. Washington's Valley Forge policy was right. In view of this practical philosophy Thomas Paine finally thought Washington "deceitful if not perfidious." Washington was not a "fire-brand" sort. He was an engineer! Paine insisted on judging the truth of Washington in terms of the immediate present. Truth is now or not at all. This is an error that Washington knew so well. Truth is what a thing in the end turns out to be.

Washington was great as a Colonel of Virginia; he was great as an engineer. He was great at Boston where he took command of the army. He was great at Valley Forge and at Yorktown. He was great as President of the Constitutional Congress, but—he will one day be even greater when the Constitution of America comes into full bloom as the Creed of America. It will be a programic creed . . . Deeds are what count. The "General Welfare" visualized in the Preamble will motivate the consciousness of Americans and with devoted, trained men, in administrative positions provided for in the Constitution this country shall have a "new birth of freedom." Colonel Nichola wrote Washington on May 22, 1782 suggesting that many soldiers wished Washington to be "King" of the colonies. Washington wrote back saying "I must view with abhorence this statement." Washington was not a dictator—his creed calls for the long view. Dictators are short sighted people—for them the present is all that matters. The creed of America is a surveyor's creed which knows that planning comes first and the building, in deeds, comes last. The permanency of the deeds are the true test of engineering.

"We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States."

Here is the Washington Shrine. In sponsoring this philosophy he has given us the great American Creed. He has become "The Father of his Country."

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EDITORIAL

VALLEY FORGE

All of us are familiar with the glorious achievements of the Father of our Country and annually as his birthday rolls around we join in paying homage to the man who secured the foundations for our democratic way of life.

That way of life in our independence came only after a long war—a hard war viewed in contemporary light. The nadir of that struggle was reached at Valley Forge when General Washington, viewing his ragged and hungry troops, sought his solace in prayer as a last hope when all human aid had failed him.

We are again engaged in war: this time to preserve that democratic way of life. It will be a hard war; it may be a long war. History can repeat. We could have another Valley Forge.

Men high in the government councils have publicly warned us of what may lie ahead. It seems inconceivable that hunger and want may be our lot but we will not avoid it by merely taking thought. Speeches will not produce armament. The recital of our resources will not make them available. Only the will to turn our capacity into reality can preserve for us what Washington achieved.

Unless we realize and fulfill our individual obligations to the nation there will be another Valley Forge.

Serve in Silence



The roster of the nursing staff in our sector has been increased by the addition of one Regular and one Reserve during the week.

Miss **Ida Mae Thompson** was discharged from her reserve appointment and inducted into the Army Nurse Corps of the Regular Army on February 17th with the assimilated rank of Second Lieutenant.

Miss Thompson was born in Mt. Carmel, Ill., were she attended through high school and then went to St. Mary's hospital in East St. Louis, Ill., for her professional course of training. After graduation she remained on staff duty at St. Mary's for one year and then took a post graduate course in Operating Room technique at Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

The new Regular was appointed to the Reserves in February 1941 and assigned to Camp Grant, Illinois, where she served until ordered to Letterman General Hospital on November 6, 1941.

Miss **Charlot N. Rader**, the latest to join the Reserves at this station, was born in San Francisco and is an alumna of Lowell High School. Her profession course was made at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco an dshe also had staff duty there after graduation. For a time she was also on the staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada.

Five members of our staff were taken for a ride this week but we have every assurance that it will not turn out to be of the "one way" variety.

Appointment as Notary Public for Mrs. Ray Donahue

The announcement has been made of the appointment by the Governor of California of Mrs. Raymond T. Donahue as a notary public for San Francisco county to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Donahue.

For the convenience of the patients and personnel of the hospital Mrs. Donahue will maintain office hours daily from Monday to Friday between ten and eleven o'clock for those who desire her services.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

February 22:

1732—Birth of George Washington.

1819—Spain cedes Florida to the United States.

1914—The United States Senate ratifies an arbitration treaty with Japan.

1921—Sergeant Encil Chambers leaps from 22,000 feet over Post Field, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to break the world parachute-jumping record.

February 23:

1778—Baron Von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge and begins work of organizing and disciplining Washington's troops.

1836—Mexican forces begin the siege of the Alamo.

1847—Battle of Buena Vista.

1929—Act of Congress provides that the Chief of Staff of the Army will henceforth have the rank of General.

February 24:

1864—Every Union Master to receive compensation not exceeding $300 for slaves enlisting in the Union army, the volunteers henceforth to be free men.

February 25:

1746—Birth of Charles Coatsworth Pickney, American patriot and Second Major General in the Army under Washington. As Minister to France in 1797, it was he who said: "Millions for Defense, but not one cent for Tribute."

1778—A General Order prohibits gambling in the Army.

February 26:

1861—Jefferson Territory, (later Colorado) created by Congress.

1906—Major General Goethals appointed chief engineer, Panama Canal.

February 27:

1920—Major R. W. Schroeder, U. S. Air Service, breaks world's altitude record at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, by ascending to 33,114 feet.

February 28:

1905—Joint Resolution of Congress authorizes the Secretary of War to deliver the Union and Confederate flags to the respective States.

February 29:

1864—Grade of Lieutenant General revived in the Army.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 15, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, February 27:
7:30 p. m. Benediction and Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

OUR MAIL BAG

Hickman Field, T. H.
February 9, 1942.

Commanding General,
Letterman General Hospital,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

On January 20th my wife was admitted to Letterman General Hospital on her arrival at Pan American Airport, San Francisco.

She has written me that the efficient treatment and courtesies extended her while in the hospital has again convinced us that a soldier's family's best friend is the Medical Corps.

Please convey my thanks to the staff at Letterman General Hospital.

Respectfully yours,
Master Sergeant, A. C.

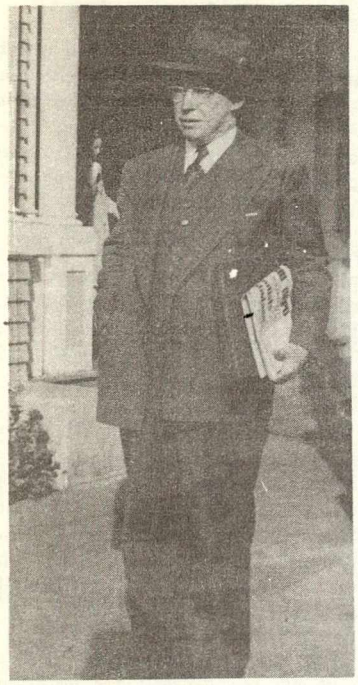
MRS. McCALL NOW AT FORT ORD

Mrs. Marion McCall, who received her training at Letterman as an assistant recreation worker, is now in charge of recreation at Fort Ord, and supervises handcraft—basket making, weaving, and the like.

Luxury Loses Out

Luxury gave way to national defense at Randolph Field, Texas, this week as the wartime emergency pinch grew tighter. The trend was indicated in a want ad in the local newspaper—the one inserted by an Army officer who wants to trade one set of Venetian blinds for a bicycle.

Mr. Donahue on Retired List with Long Record of Faithful Service



MR. RAYMOND T. DONAHUE

Mr. Raymond T. Donahue, Principal Clerk in the office of Civilian Personnel, has applied for retirement for disability due to illness and brings to a close twenty-four years of service in Letterman General Hospital.

Mr. Donahue was first appointed as Clerk, Medical Department at Large, on March 11, 1918 and changed his civilian status for a uniform as Private, Medical Deparment, on August 10, 1918 and he served in that capacity until December 31, 1918 when he was discharged from the army and resumed his civilian status as clerk.

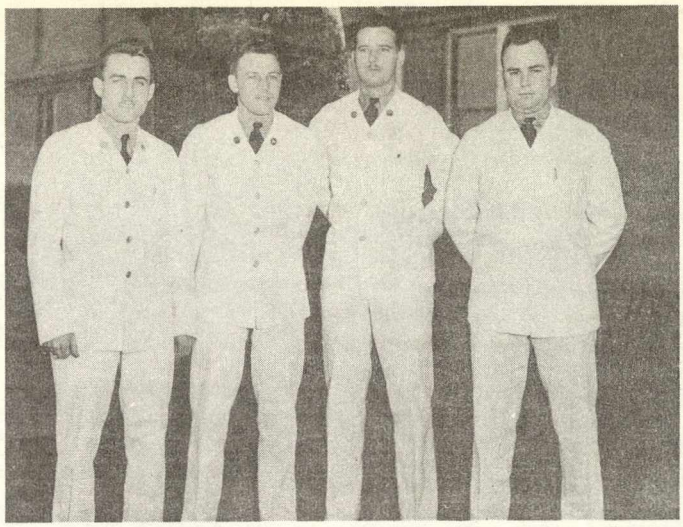
He is a native son of San Francisco and attended John Swett Grammar School before going to High School of Commerce. He later studied at the San Francisco College of Law and was awarded his LLB. from that institution.

In the period of almost a quarter of a century during which he has been connected with Letterman Hospital he has been friend, counsellor, and guide to hundreds and hundreds of patients, employes, military personnel of enlisted and commissioned grades, and most of all to the widows and orphans of many who passed away in that time.

Mr. Donahue has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of every commanding officer over his long service and he came as near to being indispensable as anyone could hereabouts. He takes with him into retirement the good wishes of the commanding general and all in any way associated with Letterman General Hospital.

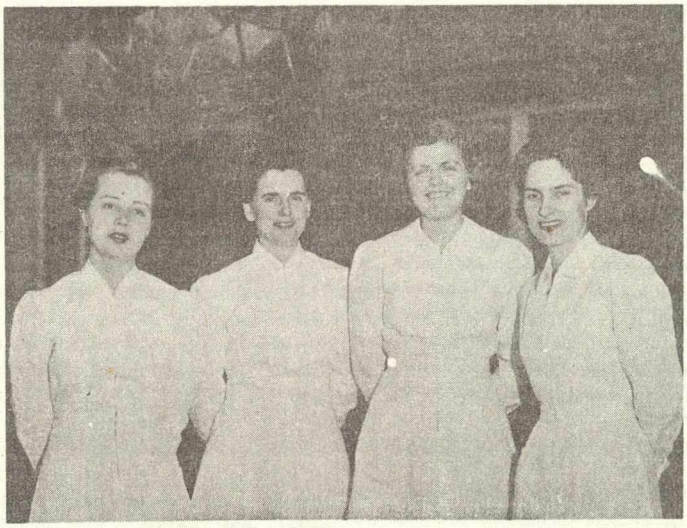
In commenting on his military record Mr. Donahue wished to make it clear he was not always just a private. He did get to be Private First Class for the last two months of his service.

Serve in Silence



ENLISTED TECHNICIANS, Radiological Service. Left to right: Pvt. 1st Cl. Maurice E. Bristow, Pvt. 1st Cl. Edward D. Erickson, Sergeant Daniel Higgins, and Pvt. William Gibbins. The last named is a student from the Special Service Schools under instruction in X-ray technique.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS, Radiological Service. Left to right: Mrs. June Koler, Miss Dorothy Berini, Miss Una C. Lundberg, and Miss Ione Wildman.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. JAMES E. SPEAK

Buck of the week, Privae James E. Speak was born in the city of Los Angeles, California, February 25, 1923, but lived the greater part of his life in the border town of Calexico and the farming town of Colton, California.

Son of a Spanish-American War Veteran, Private Speak had heard of Army life all his life and so decided that to enlist just as soon as he was old enough was the only thing to do. So on March 5, 1940, armed with a letter from his father giving him permission to enlist, Private Speak stormed the Recruiting Office at March Field, California. Due to the fact that Flying Cadets were being given priority of enlistment at the time, his siege of the office was of nearly three weeks duration. On March 25th he won his point and officially received the victor's spoils, the tile of Buck Private.

Private Speak reported for duty at Letterman Hospital immediately after enlistment and has been here since. His duties have taken him over a large part of the hospital and his present duties find him well equipped to handle his assignments. From duty in the barracks to duty in the wards account for the first seven months of his service and subsequent assignments in the Deatchment Office and at present in the Message Center account for his other four months service.

24-HOUR SOLDIER

His pals at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, call Corporal Robert C. Diecks, the "Dream Corporal." Diecks has the two-stripe chevrons on his pajamas.

MEDICAL DETACH

Eight privates and six non-coms left on detached service last Wednesday—the non-coms will be back next week, but the non rated men will remain at other posts. Pvts. Mattox, Massey and Helms leave the detachment for Camp Robinson, Ark., Pvt. Fairman will be stationed at Tilton General Hospital, N. J., Pvt. Gonvick at Camp Williams, Wis., Pvt. Spearman will go to Walter Reed General Hospital, Wash., D. C., Pvt. Lonigan to Carlyle Barracks, Penn., and Pvt. Pechachek to Governor's Island, N. Y. Non-coms making a round trip to various parts of the east coast are: Staff Sgt. Ligier, Corporal Melford and Sgts. Allison, Guarisco, Robbins and Santiago. They are expected to return next Friday.

Pvt. Bell was slightly embarrassed the other night—he was in a hurry for a big date after retreat, and couldn't find his best trousers any place! It later developed that Pvt. Clifton T. Brewick had "borrowed" them for an inspection that afternoon and forgot to return 'em!

The PX Grill has one customer who takes orders instead of giving them. Pvt. Jim Crowe's spouse is back from Kansas and is busy in the Grill every day . . . Pvt. Jim is once again a happy man.

Congratulations to PFC Dave Ross who was recently raised to 3rd class specialist in the message center.

First of the new Technician rating noticed hereabouts is held by Corporal-Technician Lester of the Finance Dept. . . . Looks like the detachment will be on the new rating basis very soon.

ODDS 'N ENDS DEPT.:

"Black Out" usually means to make INVISIBLE at night—but PFC Gene Walton "blacks out" his mustache to make it VISIBLE at night, by painting it with burnt matches!

Pvt. Gust on the day of his wedding says of his fiance . . . "she's nervous and shaky, but me, why, I'm as steady as a rock" . . . as he drops the same package for the fourth time in five minutes!

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TECHNICAL SERGEANT CHARLES F. BRECHTEL dictating a requisition for commissary supplies to Mrs. Lucile Glover, Clerical Assistant.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

NO COMPLAINTS ON LOCAL CHOW, THANKS TO SGT. BRECHTEL

It was Napoleon who first said that an army travels on its belly and in the course of time people became more polite and called it a stomach but the idea remains the same and the importance of food has in no way diminished with the progress of centuries.

Letterman Hospital as a military organization does no traveling but even a stay put outfit has to eat and the man who provides the food for this command is Technical Sergeant Charles F. Brechtel, a member of the Quartermaster Detachment serving this post. True, the requisitions are signed by the Commissary Sales Officer but the work of getting it all down in black and white and with plenty of variety to meet the tastes of the various components of the command is done by Sergeant Brechtel.

He was born in Sprngfield, Missouri, and had traveled all the way to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, when he first enlisted in June 1923 and drew an assignment to the Third Engineers at Schofield Barracks in Oahu. On completion of that "hitch" he returned to civil life to finish his high school course and he remained a civilian until 1929 when he again enlisted at Vancouver Barracks but this time for the Quartermaster Corps at Letterman.

Sgt. Brechtel was selected to attend the Quartermaster School at Philadelphia for a course of nine months and on his return to this station he was assigned to the Commissary where he has remained for almost ten years. He was promoted from private to sergeant in 1939, staff sergeant a year later, and in 1941 he was again promoted—this time to technical sergeant.

His mastery of the technique of administering the Commissary was won the hard way by starting at the bottom and working at every job until he reached the summit. His performance of the duties assigned to him invokes commendation from all who come in contact with his domain in the local Quartermaster sector. And he is a nice chap to know.

DANGEROUS FURLOUGHS

Corporal Pickney Falls, Chaplain's assistant at Camp Blanding, Florida, vouches for this story. A certain private in a Blanding engineering regiment wrote his mother announcing that he would be home soon on furlough. The worried mother replied imemdiately to her son's commanding officer. "Please don't let him come home on one of those furloughs,' she pleaded, "It migh turn over and hurt him."

Q. M. NEWS

Anyone having a radio that is not in use during the noon hour, please get in touch with Staff Sergeant Mehr, who is running into a little opposition trying to get his favorite program on the Day Room radio.

Dean "POP" Latimer is in the hospital. We miss his pleasing personality, his ever ready smile and morning jokes with the fellows. Hurry up and get well, "Pop," Uncle Sam wants you on the job again and we need you.

Bernard MacKulak devotes much of his time in weird setting up exercises and his reward is that he has received a request from Walt Disney to do a stand in part for a ruptured Duck with a hot foot. Keep up the good work "Izzy", we are all behind you 100 per cent.

Sergeant Borselli frankly admits that his only reason for enlisting in the regular army was to obtain a garrison hat for his very own. Well, you've got it Sergeant, now lets see you wear it.

Since filling out an application for Flying Cadet training, Prv. Norman E. Hughes is thinking up a scheme to bomb his opponents from the stratosphere.

When Corporal Silas Craig obtained a twenty-four hour pass, most members of the detachment figured that he went out and had a 'bang-up' time for himself. However, when asked how he enjoyed his pass, his reply was, quote, "CENSORED", unquote.

Hats off to Pat Passarelli the man who does more work than anyone else in the detachment. He will tell you this himself without any encouragement whatsoever.

ANTS AGAIN

The Army has no ants in its camps, according to the Construction Division of the Office of the Quartermaster General. A new simple metal anti-ant shield does the job.

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RADIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

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of the radiological services of the Army on the west coast.

The personnel of the diagnostic section consists of nine able technicians, five of them being civilians under the Civil Service Commission, and four enlisted men who were trained at this hospital.

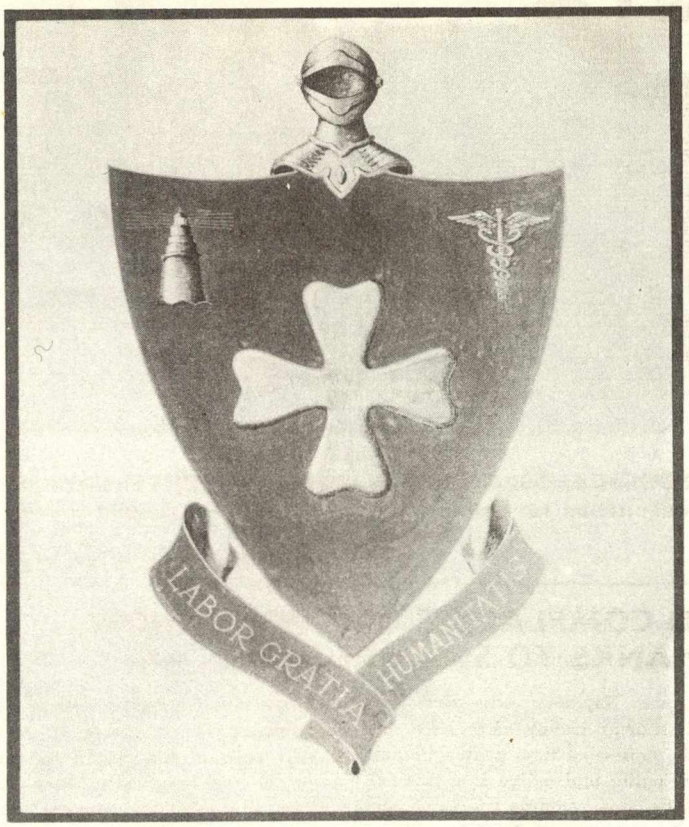
The therapy section occupies he east end of the Department and is divided into four sub-sections, superficial therapy, radium therapy, and electrosurgery. The rooms and equipment are as modern as that of the diagnostic section and have the same facilities, which result in neatness and practicability. The outside walls of the superficial therapy unit is equipped with pneumatic tires, which facilitates transportation of the unit to any part of the hospital, for treating infections and other conditions at the bedside.

Deep therapy treatments are given with a 200,000 volt unit which is adequate for treating deep seated neoplastic and other diseases. The transformer, rectifying system, and the tube cooling system are in a separate room, and there are no exposed high tension cables in the treatment room. Radium therapy is carried out by the use of 200 milligrams of radium element, which is a useful form in which to have radium as it can be used interstitially or as a surface application in plaques which are prepared in the therapy section. This amount of radium is sufficient to treat several patients at the same time and it will be serviceable for many years, as during the next 1590 years it will lose only half its strength. The electrosurgical work is done with a bipolar unit from which cutting or coagulating currents can be obtained.

Because radiation therapy is a highly specialized field at this hospital an Army nurse trained by medical officers on duty in this department is assigned to make the necessary preparation for X-ray and radium treatments.

Major Harold I. Armory, M. C., who has been on duty at Letterman for the past three years, as the Officer in Charge of the Radiological Service, and he is ably assisted by Captain Woodrow W. Schmela and Lieut. Sidney Rubenfeld. All of these officers have had extensive experience in radiology and are well qualified for the duties they are called on to perform.

NEW COAT OF ARMS FOR LETTERMAN IS SUBMITTED FOR WAR DEPT. APPROVAL



PROPOSED COAT OF ARMS for Letterman General Hospital. The motto: "Labor Gratia Humanitatis" means "Work for the sake of Mankind." It may be noted that the initial letter of each word in the motto—L.G.H.—is also the initial letter in each word of the name of this hospital.

Regimental coats of arms adopted by various organization of the army have long been familiar to those in the service and the personnel of Letterman Gneral Hospital will be interested to know that before very long we will be wearing our own crest in the proper place on the shoulder loop of the uniform.

The Commanding General assigned to Captain Lewis Specker the duty of designing a coat of arms for war by the military personnel of the hospital and the completion of the assignment has been reported and the design approved by Brigadier General DeWitt. The original drawing has been framed and donated by Captain Specker to hang in the Staff Room.

As Letterman General Hospital was first established during the Spanish American War it was fitting that the elements of the design be contemporaneous with that era. At that time the color used to designate the Medical Corps was green and the insignia used by the personnel was a Maltese cross. For that reason the color of the shield in the proposed coat of arms is green while the center of the shield bears a Maltese cross. In the upper right hand corner of the shield is a beacon—a silhouette of Mile Rock Light House—and in the upper left hand corner is a cadeuceus—the present insignia of the Medical Corps. The shield is surmounted by a knight's helmet with open visor—the symbol of friendship—and the motto in scroll at the bottom reads: "Labor Gratia Humanitatis" meaning "Work for the sake of mankind." The initial letter of the words of the motto are the initial letters of the title of this hospital. All of the devices pictured are in gold, which, with the basic green of the shield, presents a pleasing combination of color.

Due to the requirement that organizational coats of arms be approved by the War Department it will be some time before the dies are ordered for the manufacture of the new adornment for our uniforms and in the present emergency it is not even possible to hazard a conjecture as to when these might be ready for display.

For those familiar with the science of heraldry Captain Stecker has prepared a technical description of the elements composing the coat of arms which may be had on application to him.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Lt. Joseph I. Murray, former detachment commander and adjutant of the Special Service Schools, is now stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah. Captain Chester G. Moore is again adjutant.

Clovis L. Walker, enlisted instructor of the medical school, is confined to the hospital at the present time, recovering from a tonsillectomy operation which was performed on him on the 19th of this month.

Sergeant Walter Sambur, enlisted instructor of laboratory school, has mentioned the fact that he too has placed a ring on someone's finger! Well, good luck to you. That leaves just a few in the schools that are not married or engaged.

Staff Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske and Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry are now on detached service.

Quite a few of the boys around the schools have been seen to frequent the YMCA dances lately. One especially—Everard V. Cruea!

For VICTORY

BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

MAJOR CLARK

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item of equipment and when informed he remarked: "Well, we certainly can find a use for those." Later despatches from the same front may tell us the first aid pouches are in use on Bataan. Bread tossed upon the waters in reverse.

Colonel Berle, then a major, was among those who went from San Francisco to render aid on that occasion but our reporter was unable to reach him for comment.

MAIL MUST GO THROUGH

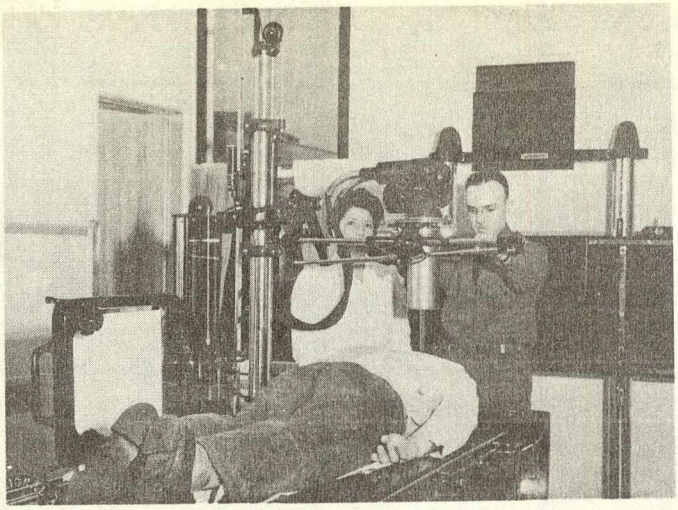
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and organization to which the officer or enlisted man is assigned or attached in the address shown on each piece of mail. If one or both is omitted then it is necessary to delay the delivery of the mail until it can be given directory service. If the name of the addressee is not found in the directory then the only alternative is to return the mail to the sender. All personnel should be informed of, and instructed in, the correct forms to be used and should advise their correspondents of their correct address."

For the most part, the regular United States Postal Service, its personnel augmented to meet the increased duties, is used by the Army in the Western Theater of Operations. In some localities, however, Army Post Offices have been established. In order to facilitate the delivering of military mail, the Post Office Department has established Postal Concentration Centers in three Pacific Coast cities—Tacoma, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. These centers, in general, supply Army Post Offices in their respective areas.

In specific instructions regarding the addressing of mail, General DeWitt's directive says:

"In cases where the unit is not served by an Army Post Office there is no objection to showing the location of organizations in the address and return address. However, the location of an organization cannot be shown in the address or return on a piece of mail destined for delivery to, or received from, a station outside the continental United States. Mail for overseas units should include in the address the name of the Postal Concentration Center at the port of embarkation in lieu of the territory or country for which destined. If the organization is served by an Army Post Office, the Army Post Office number should be shown."



MAJOR HAROLD I. AMORY, chief of the Radiological Service, adjusting X-ray tube, while Mrs. Goodpasture, technician, stands to his right.
—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

BUD FILLS HIS PEN AGAIN

Dear Sis:

If you have not been hearing from me as often as you would like to have mail from me the reason is that I have to be very careful in what I write and I thought by keeping from military subjects it would be safe but it seems that Gus the Barber is also someone to be let alone in these letters in the future and he blames Sergeant Ligier for writing the leters and Ligiier is a big guy too and I am not anxious to get tangled with him if he finds out that I am writing the letters which Gus blames him for writing and they are both big guys and it would be a fine scrap if they ever get beyond the talking stage and start trading punches but I sort of have an idea that Gus will go slow in starting actual hostilities because he knows that where ever Ligier is not too far away is another big guy and a sergeant too and his name is Hendrickson and when those two walk along the corridor they don't have to push anyone out of the way as it is just good sense to open up and let them thru without getting crowded and if you ever saw a pair of grenadier guards with big shakos on their heads you will have some idea what these two stalwart noncoms look like and no one around here is even thinking of starting anything to annoy those buddies and Ligier is also good at guessing football scores at least they tell me that last year during the season he had a list in the paper every week and all you had to do to make money was to take the other teams from the ones he bet on and it does seem a good idea to let some one dope out what is going to happen even if he is wrong as it shows he is interested in something out side of the food at the mess hall and that is what most of the guys think is the best thing about this outfit but I am different and sort of have a notion that the free movies should come first and now we have them six nights a week and the place is never crowded and they say the sergeant who runs the movies is a real fan and goes to movies in town on the one night a week he has off and I guess I would go to town movies too if I was better at guessing what the hole card is in the hands of some of the guys who pass the evenings around a bunk in the squadroom but maybe I have to charge all that up to experience and you always said experience was a dear teacher and I am not speaking about females altho they can be expensive too if some of the guys around here tell the real truth on what they spend on the dames and I guess you know enough for now about this army life of mine which aint no bed of roses and bouquets of love to you.

BUD



To Lieutenant and Mrs. William W. Buhlmann, Oakland California, a son, William Graham, weight six pounds thirteen ounces, born February 13, 1942.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph R. Clancy, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Dorothy, weight seven pounds nine ounces, born February 14, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lon Peyton, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Therese Anne, weight five pounds thirteen ounces, born February 14, 1942.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Weldon Halliwell Smith, a daughter, Sharon Gay, weight seven pounds eight ounces, born February 16, 1942.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

February 22:
SMILING GHOST—Wayne Morris and Brenda Marshall. Also Short Subjects.

February 24:
THIRD FINGER LEFT HAND—William Powell and Myrna Loy. Also Short Subjects.

February 25:
INTERNATIONAL SQUADRON—Ronald Reagan and Olympa Bradna. Also Short Subjects.

February 26:
NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH—Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard. Also Short Subjects.

February 27:
ROMANCE OF THE RIO GRANDE—Ceasar Romero and Lynn Roberts. Also Short Subjects.

February 28:
MARX BROTHERS AT THE CIRCUS—Marx Brothers. Also Short Subjects.

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THE FOG HORN

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SERGEANT GROSS SELECTED FOR OFFICERS' SCHOOL

The distinction of standing number one in the estimation of a board of officers who examined 78 prospective candidates for appointment to the Officer School at Carlisle Barracks belongs to Technical Sergeant William E. Gross, of the Medical Detachment of Letterman General Hospital.

Sergeant Gross has an unusual military record in that he rose from buck private to technical sergeant within two years of his first enlistment and there is still time for him to win the gold bar of a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps before his initial enlistment expires.

Letterman has been his only station where he has been on duty with the Clothing and Pay office, the Recreation Department, and for the past year as steward of the Post Exchange. All of his assignments called for above average intelligence, initiative, and industry. And all of his superiors have commended him highly for excellence in the performance of duties.

Sergeant Gross was born in Meridian, Miss., attended high school in Baltimore, made his college course at the University of Maryland, and held a responsible position with the American Oil Company in Washington, D. C., for many years prior to coming west to enlist in the United States Army.

He leaves Letterman for the school with the good wishes of the entire command.

Serve in Silence



Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E. GROSS, M. D.

Army Emergency Fund Launches Appeal to Public

A new A.E.F.—the Army Emergency Fund—was launched last week in Washington, D. C., in a radio address by the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War.

The Army Emergency Fund is dedicated to the idea that there should be no forgotten man, woman, or child among the dependents of America's soldiers of today. Though launched with the co-operation of the War Department, it will be a civilian organization administered by volunteers. Mr. Patterson, who will serve as President of the new movement, has announced that General John J. Pershing has accepted the post of Honorary President of the Fund.

It will be the function of the emergency fund, which has been incorporated in the District of Columbia, to handle the thousand and one human problems that arise in the families of soldiers. One case in point—a case that was largely responsible for the decision to organize the fund—is that of the young wives who recently flocked to the neighborhood of a Southern camp to be near their soldier husbands. Living on the small allowance of Army wives, they pooled their resources, two or three of them sharing a single apartment. When the Army units were suddenly ordered overseas, many of the wives were without funds to get back to their families.

Another illustration of the need for a permanent organization such as the A.E.F. is the unavoidable time-lag, because of regulations imposed by law, before the widow of

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THE MEDICAL SUPPLY SECTION ALWAYS HAS WHAT YOU WANT

On visiting an Army hospital for the first time one would be inclined to put the question: "How do you manage to keep available the necessary supplies required for your activities?" and the query might be prompted by the wide variety of articles in use that will come to view during a merely coursory inspection.

The reply to the interrogation might be summed up in two words: "Medical Supply" or one might write an article such as this to give a more complete picture of how the Medical Department manages to be prepared for all normal demands and most emergency needs.

The normal source of supply for the service is the Quartermaster Department but due to the highly technical requirements of the Medical Department it was long ago decided that it should be unique and have sources within its own jurisdiction whence might come the articles and equipment required for the care of the sick.

No one around here has ever taken the trouble or the time to have an actual count made of the items listed on the supply table but a conservative estimate places the figure at close to 5000 and in terms of measurement from drams to tons. The handling of supplies of this kind require a highly trained personnel with a training which comes only after long experience. There are many occasions when a requisition must be filled on the instant and there is no time to look for a picture in the catalog before going to a shelf in the store to get the requested items. The supply man must know from the multisyllabled name just what is wanted and what it looks like to the layman.

At all supply centers in the service there is a general medical depot whence the hospitals within a given area are supplied with everything needed and the issue is made through a unit supply section of each hospital. It is the function of the Medical Supply officer attached to each unit to estimate his needs well in advance and also to make some provisions for an extraordinary demand for some particular item. We had a case to illustrate that in recent days. Chest X-rays of the men of a whole regiment were ordered. It meant 1100 films to be on hand and our Supply Officer gave his approval to the requisition while the non-commissioned officer in charge of the warehouse just sort of reached out and the films were there. Only experience can teach one how to anticipate what might be needed in a pinch and the record of the Medical Supply service reveals that it is always ready with what is wanted.



MAJOR RICHARD E. HUMES, M. A. C.
The Medical Supply Officer for the Hospital

In addition to maintaining the standard articles enumerated on the supply table the supply officer is charged with the procurement in the open market of certain drugs, biologicals, and accessories for emergencies and he must know just where to procure what is wanted with a minimum of delay. The repair and renovation of equipment of all kinds, including the surgical instruments, is arranged by the Medical Supply officer, and to round out his duties he provides the carrots, oats, and other food for the rabbits and guinea pigs used in the laboratory to assist in diagnosis and treatment of human ills.

The Medical Supply officer at Letterman is Major Richard E. Humes, a native of Chester, Pennsylvania. His service in the army dates from 1906 when he enlisted for the first time and was assigned to the 18th Infantry. In that regiment he served at Camp Keithly on the Island of Mindanao and has a fund of Moro tales for a rainy evening around the fireplace. In 1909 he transferred to the Hospital Corps and stayed with it in all grades from private to master sergeant.

Major Humes was commissioned a First Lieutenant, Sanitary Corps, on February 9, 1918, and was promoted to Captain the following May. He served in France as the adjutant of the Beau Desert Hospital Center, which had a personnel roster of almost 20,000 at its peak. For his work as adjutant he was awarded a citation for meritorious service and subsequently the Purple Heart decoration.

On returning from France in July, 1919, the major resigned his emergency commission and re-enlisted in his former grade of master sergeant and went to duty at the Army Medical School in Washington where he was an instructor in X-ray technique.

Under the reorganization law of 1920 he was again commissioned and became a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps. He became a 1st Lieutenant in the same branch in 1924 and a captain in 1929.

Major Humes began five year tour at the Medical Supply Depot in Brooklyn in 1924 and went to Hawaii at its conclusion. After two years in the Paradise of the Pacific he was ordered to headquarters of the First Corps Area at Boston where he remained for four years. Memories of the waving palms and the Kona winds persisted and he went back to Oahu for another two-year tour starting in 1935 and on completion of that he came to San Francisco for duty in the office of the Corps Area

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Conversation with Sentries Banned For Civilians

Increased cooperation of all civilians and military personnel in assisting Army sentinels in carrying out their duties properly was requested today by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

In a recent directive to all personnel of his command, which comprises the eight Western states and Alaska, General DeWitt emphasized that sentinels "will not allow civilians or unidentified persons in uniform to loiter, park vehicles, or remain near gun positions, sentinel posts, or installations being protected."

Civilians can be of assistance to the Army by refraining from attempts to talk on unnecessary matters to sentinels and guards on duty, it was stressed.

Sentinels and guards were specifically warned against "exposing themselves to possible attack by permitting persons to engage them in conversation, thereby decreasing their alertness to attack."

To insure the highest state of vigilance, unit commanders were directed to take the following action:

"Instructions will be given and frequent inspections made to insure that sentinels, guards, and gun-manning details:

"Will not disclose any information to civilians that might be of military value to an enemy.

"Will require all persons in uniform who are not otherwise known, properly to identify themselves before they divulge any military information."

In conclusion, it was directed that "civilians who persist in trying to gain information or who refuse to leave the vicinity of sentinel posts, gun positions or installations being protected, and all personnel in uniform who are unable to identify themselves will be taken into custody and the fact reported to the sector comamnder."

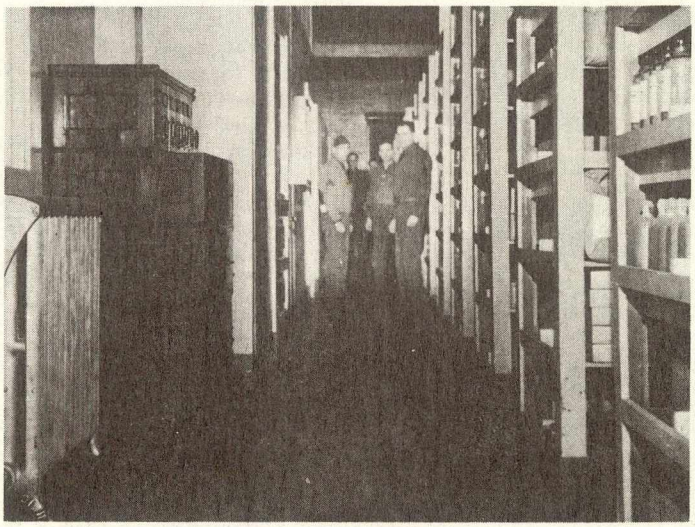
The Sam Browne Belt

The familiar Sam Browne belt, worn by thousands of American Army officers, owes its name to Sir Samuel Browne, an English officer, but Quartermaster Corps records show that a similar belt was developed in this country years ago.



THE BUSINESS office of the Medical Supply Section. At the left: Tech. Sgt. Theodore Schmierer, senior NCO of the Section, and Mrs. Betty Watkins, clerk-typist. Both are at work and oblivious of the cameraman.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps



MEDICAL SUPPLY Warehouse "B" showing view of shelves where the numerous drugs and medications are stored until required for use on the wards of the hospital.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

All Girl Program for Service Men Is Blue Network's 'Your Blind Date'

ATTENTION, Uncle Sam's service men! You'll meet YOUR BLIND DATE every Thursday night in the Blue Network studios in Hollywood, beginning March 5. This is a date exclusive to you men in uniform. There'll be girls . . girls . . and more girls on hand to show you a good time. In other words, fellows, the Blue Network is going to put on a weekly all-girl show especially for your benefit. Only men in uniform will be admitted to the studio audience, and only girl entertainers will be on the stage for the half-hour show beginning at 8:30 p. m., PWT.

Mistress-of-ceremonies for Your Blind Date will be Frances Scully, the Blue Network's young and beautiful blonde "Speaking of Glamour" commentator. That screamingly funny pair, Brenda and Cobina (Blanche Stewart and Elvia Allman), will hold down the comedy spot. On the man-hunt as usual, no man in uniform will escape their eagle eye, and they'll be out for all the "blind dates" they can wangle. Each week a young and alluring motion picture star will be a guest on the program . . . but that isn't all. A charming girl vocalist will be featured on the program each week, singing the favorite song of the day, and an all-girl orchestra will regale the boys with the tunes they like the best.

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The Salute Comes Back as Good Form For Military Men

The exchange of salutes between officers and enlisted men, a custom modified in recent years by Army regulations, has been restored to its old-time status for all military personnel in the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, it was announced last week.

Changes in regulations made in 1940 provided that salutes need not be exchanged between an officer and enlisted man when "off duty outside the confines of military posts, camps or stations unless the enlisted man is addressed by an officer." An order issued by Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt suspends the 1940 modification and makes saluting mandatory on practically all occasions.

While the hand salute is the most common, it is not always practicable and for that reason various salutes have been prescribed in Army regulations for various situations and occasions.

The custom of saluting is a traditional prerogative of the military man and is rendered by personnel of all grades as a mark of respect for the rank a superior holds, rather than for the individual. For that reason the subordinate always salutes first and having done so commands a like honor from the individual saluted, whether he be a second lieutenant or the ranking general of the Army.

General DeWitt's action is a direct result of the expansion of military activities in the Western Theater of Operations where the Army's functions no longer are confined to posts, camps and stations, but extend to virtually every city and town on the Pacific Coast.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE NEW A. E. F.

The announcement of the organization of the Army Emergency Fund as a new source of assistance to needy enlisted men and their families will be warmly received by the men and those close to their problems.

The plight of the soldier in the lower pay brackets when death or illness strikes in his family is known to many of us. His pay is not adequate to permit the savings to meet any such contingency in advance and he is constrained to apply to some welfare agency for aid.

The societies which exist to extend this assistance have rules, regulations, and prerequisites which are often baffling to the man sorely in need. And when the need is imperative a questionnaire is not the solution to his problem.

The Navy Relief Society is a model which might serve as a guide to those who are organizing the A.E.F. There are no high salaries paid to any one connected with the fund and control is retained within the service. The officer in charge is available 24 hours a day. No volunteer could be expected to serve under that requirement. Those in the service understand service needs best.

We hope that when the Army Emergency Fund begins to function it will do so under flexible rules which will permit it to act promptly when need arises. If, on the other hand, the administration of its funds is to be so bound up in regulations as to make relief difficult and awkward for the unfortunate it will be just another society—and we have enough of that kind already.

Let A. E. F. stand also for Always - Eager - Friendly.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Ben Esley one day when he was not wearing his cap. He was in bed and had his shoes off, too.

On the A & D sheet where we have a patient by the name of **Lowell High.** Just for the sake of the old school **Jane Sanctuary** and **Charlot Rader** ought to do something about it.

Captain **Lewis (None) Specker,** wearing side arms in keeping with the best West Point traditions and not forgetting not to take his hat off.

Mrs. **Alma Spreckles Awl** taking time out of her busy life to visit the patients on a Sunday afternoon.

Richard McClung entertaining a visitor from his home town of Flint, **Mrs. Daisy Howard,** who was in San Francisco for the convention of the American Association of School Administrators.

Julius Sidek getting about in a wheel chair and looking forward to his promotion to the crutches.

Joe Panek up out of the basement and back in the sunlight of D-1 and **Howard King** still in the same place on E-1 and **Howard Beatty** doing all right with his chair and **Bob Brown** still wearing a smile as he gets close to the three-month mark in the same position.

John Wolitarski back on the job in the grill and things back to normal in his sector.

Major **Ray Allison** passing out the cigars on the arrival of nine pounds of John David.

No sign of a prominent comedian whose presence was promised for last Sunday afternoon. All of which makes Fred Allen still more popular.



It is good to know that the young ladies of the nursing profession are still enrolling in the Reserve Corps and we list the additions of the past week—and welcome to them.

Miss Marybelle Fraser is a native of Pinole and graduated from the Richmond High School before entering the Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland for her professional course. Miss Fraser spent several years in Hawaii on a plantation near Hilo and was attached to the Health Office of San Jose State College for two years.

Miss Phyliss Irwin is a native of London, England, and a graduate of Wheatland High School right in our California. She trained at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco and remained there on the surgical staff after graduation. Her last occupation was that of office nurse in the office of a local specialist.

Those 'inseparatables" are still that. As we go to press Miss Bohling and Miss Dreyer are confined to quarters on account of illness. Sympathetic infection

Miss Ada Mae Plog is now on final leave awaiting separation from the service. Has all the ear marks of matrimony from where we sit but it is not official—only nearly so.

St. Lukes Hospital of San Francisco has eight graduates on our staff. Can any hospital top that figure.

The wandering quintette has returned from the ride to El Paso and they still prefer San Francisco for permanent station.

TWO LETTERMAN OFFICERS ADDED TO REGULAR ARMY

The strength of the Medical Corps of the Regular Army has been increased by two with the appointment of Captain William S. Bagnall and Lieut. Jack Hughes. The commission for both officers is that of first lieutenant.

Captain Bagnall has been on extended active duty at Letterman for the past 30 months and for the greater part of that time was assigned to the outpatient service. He is a graduate of the University of California and the McGill University School of Medicine.

Lieut. Hughes was an interne at Letterman following his graduation from the Stanford University Medical School and on the satisfactory completion of a year in that status he was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve and ordered to extended active duty.

The new Regulars are under orders to attend the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Lieut. Walton M. Edwards, recently commissioned in the Regular Army is also slated for the course at Carlisle.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 1, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, March 6.
7:30 p. m. Benediction and Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

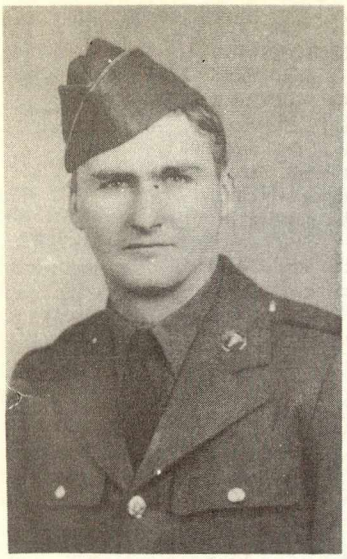
CHAPLAIN SHUDER OFFERS CLASSES IN MATHEMATICS

Opening of coaching classes in mathematics—including subjects from Algebra to Calculus, as well as basic arithmetic — was announced last week by Chaplain Shuder for the convenience of members of the detachment who are preparing for examinations and those who desire a better background in the field of mathematics. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the offices of the Chaplain beginning at 7 o'clock.

Chaplain Shuder is well qualified to meet all questions, and to give explanations of formulas in solving all problems. He has been a lifetime student of higher mathematics, and has had broad experience in the capacity of instructor at other large institutions.

All those who are interested in attending are urged to contact Chaplain Shuder in Room 211 of the Administration building. Use of texts for the course will be arranged by the Chaplain and student, depending on the individual's requirements.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. WILLIAM A. YOUNG

From cowboy to medical soldier in four months is a fast and radical transition, but nonetheless, it has happened to Pvt. William A. Young, now working in Ward F-1 under Wardmaster Berry, who says, "You'd think Young had never done anything but medical work, from the way he handles things."

Pvt. Young arrived here six weeks ago from Camp Grant after a three month training period, and was placed on the military police detail shortly after his arrival. However, when the ranks of the MP's were cut, Young was assigned to Ward F-1 and has been there ever since.

The son of a large scale rancher and stockman, Young's ambition is to follow in the footsteps of his father, and some day have his own ranch. "My favorite job was to 'break' young unruly horses," he declares, "and once I broke my leg doing that, but it's never dampened my enthusiasm for the job. It's really a sport." He likes Letterman because "It's on the Pacific—and that's town of Young, and it was there God's country."

Enterprise, Oregon, is the home that he received his education, graduating from high school in 1936. Following his formal education, and up until the time of his entrance into the army, Young worked on his fathers ranch of 3000 acres breaking horses, punching cattle, fixing fence and supervising the harvest were his main occupations.

Young's army career so far consists of a week at Fort Lewis, Washington, three months at Camp Grant, and six weeks at Letterman. "And Letterman is the best place I could be,' he says. Although his hobbies were once hunting and fishing in the wilds of the Pacific North-west. Young now spends his free time writing letters, walking along the beaches, going to shows and seeing the sights of the city.

If Pvt. Young's efficiency on the ward is any indication of his ranching ability, he will some day have one of the finest stock ranches in the west.

NEW LOW IN ARMY DEATH RATE REPORTED BY SURGEON GENERAL

The doctor bill for the best-cared-for army in the world, the United States Army, for he fiscal year July 1, 1940, to June 30, 1941, was $73,-138,251.85, according to the Surgeon General's annual report to the Secretary of War, which the War Department made public today. This figure includes purchases for field and hospital equipment.

Against this expenditure the report showed a death rate in the Army for the period of only 2.8 per 1,000 strength, the lowest in history, excluding battle casualties, although the numbers treated in hospitals by military medical personnel increased from an average daily low of 4,753 in 1939 to 8,300 in 1940, an increase of 75 per cent.

The Medical Department brought the Army successfully through two influenza epidemics during the year. Although the epidemics spread rapidly, rigid control by Army doctors prevented serious complications and, as compared with World War epidemics, the disease was very mild. Of 19,609 cases treated only 0.3 per cent developed into pneumonia.

Furthering the transition from a peace to a war basis, the Medical Department organized a subdivision of "Medical Intelligence and Tropical Medicine." This unit, composed of specially qualified medical officers, collects and prepares for use data to safeguard the health of troops stations outside the United States. Surveys of such territory have been made or are being made and the data filed for future use.

The medical service rendered during the year would have been impossible wihout the Medical Corps Reserve, the Surgeon General reported.

In 1940 the Medical Department initiated a concentrated program of veneral disease control which has produced favorable results, the report showed.

As in the past, automobile accidents continued to be the prime cause of death in the Army during the period, with air transport accidents second. Railroad accidents accounted for the fewest fatalities and tuberculosis, a minor factor now, was next to last on the list.

The report showed alcoholism to be a relatively minor health factor with fewer cases admitted during 1940 for treatment than at any time since 1916. About that time the report shows that alcohol addiction increased from practical non-existence to a fairly high rate in 1923 and remained rather constant during the next 10 years. In 1933 a decline set in and continued to the 1940 low of approximately 2.7 per 1,000 strength.

Medical Department problems of mobilization were emphasized by a statement in the report of the large numbers of enlisted men who must be trained as technicians.

For an Army of 1,800,000, the report said, approximately 23,000 qualified dental, veterinary, sanitary, medical, surgical, pharmacy, laboratory and X-ray technicians are required. In addition, some 35,000 administrative specialists are necessary. Facilities existing at the time the report was prepared were sufficient to train 18,000 enlisted technicians in three-month courses.

Though the horse may be outmoded in many a scheme of affairs, one is more liable to suffer a broken arm or leg in the Cavalry than anywhere else in the Army, the report indicated. The Air Corps appeared to be one of the safest places in the military establishment in this respect; even the Quartermaster Corps was more hazardous.

A table in the report showing the incidence of broken bones lists the greatest number in the Cavalry with the Artillery, Quartermaster Corps, Engineer Corps, Infantry and Air Corps following in that order. No figures were shown for the Armored Force as such.

An infantry outfit at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, isn't going to be outdone by the Air Corps, parachute troops and tank men. This infantry outfit is going to have a slogan, too—"Keep 'em Walking." It's appropriately called the Brogan slogan—or the doughboys' feat.

Cartoonist Offers To Lighten Our Darker Days



Corporal TED MIKOS

Corporal Ted Mikos, who started out to be a field soldier in this man's army and is now making rapid progress toward requiring a high reputation as a cartoonist, has become a volunteer contributor to the lighter side of the FOGHORN. A sample of his work appears for the first time in this issue.

Mikos hails from Chicago, where he had done some work for a small newspaper, and has been 13 months in the service. He is on duty with the Public Relations Office of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco where part of his work is to sketch the cartoons which have added so much to the post paper of that command.

The sole compensation Mikos will receive for this additional duty will be the personal satisfaction derived from the knowledge that his cartoons will create smiles in a world too soon to have a surfeit of blood, sweat, and tears.

Congratulations

Felicitations are in order on the promotions recently announced for the following Medical officers serving in this vicinity.

To Colonel—Lieut. Cols. Harold V. Raycroft and Thomas D. Hurley.

To Lieutenant Colonel—Majors Paul Hayes, Matthew C. Pugsley, Frederic B. Westervelt, Robert B. Skinner, and Paul H. Martin.

Serve in Silence

MEDICAL DETACH

Lt. Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin returned the early part of this week from detached service, which took him to El Paso, Texas. He reported a very fine and successful trip.

There is now one student of the medical school absent-sick in a civilian hospital, at Yuma, Arizona. Edmund N. Voltin, who was an assistant attendant to the patients transported from this station to another hospital, was stricken with appendicitis and an operation had to be performed at Yuma. Voltin will remain there until he is well enough to return to this station.

This organization sent back to Fort Lewis, Washington, eight men, after having completed their intensive training here at various schools. Those to leave were Sergeant Ivan R. Miller; Privates First Class Earl G. Atkinson, Byron D. Hurley, Neil E. Byers, Francis H. Alexander, Arthur E. Benson, Arden E. Wanninger; and Private William M. Middleton.

Sergeant Herman R. Knoller, charge of quarters of the school, was confined to the hospital this week for observation of appendicitis. It turned out to be merely imagination on Herman's part, and he has been out already for several days.

There will be approximately thirty students from these schools that will be graduated and sent home, to their proper stations, on February 27th, 1942. This has been the smallest graduating group so far.

Why has "Glamor Boy" Carlson been so thoroughly forgotten during the past few weeks? You will remember that he was always in the paper before . . . . . Could it be possible that he is contemplating something?

Then there is that well-known but little publicized Sergeant, Howard B. Dow, who is always trying to shy the press. No one has ever been able to connect him with anything but his turn will come . . . . He acts so timid and reserved that everyone feels sorry for him.

Private Robert L. Frasher who has not been very active lately but is well-respected for his ability to eat. It was noted a few weeks ago and although it took him a little time to get "in the groove" he sure had some time!

It seems like Robert J. Ransom had something to squawk about this week—a very upset stomach. He said it was due to over-eating.

Our well-known LeRoy Sixberry, who not so long ago made quite a lot of news for himself by getting lost, did not lose much time in making telephone calls when he arrived from detached service . . . . He sure has something on the line, too!

NON-MILITARY UNIFORMS WORN BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AT LGH



PICTURED ABOVE are the civilian clerical force uniforms. For the women a sky blue poplin semi-fitted smock; for the men a gray alpaca jacket. The models are Miss Marcella V. Hunt and Allan P. Shields.

—Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

'YOUR BLIND DATE'

(Continued from page three)

The program will close each week with the mother of a service man reading a letter to her son who is somewhere in Uncle Sam's far-flung battle-line.

Remember the day and the hour . . . Thursdays at 8:30 p. m., PWT, beginning March 5. The name of the first guest star, as that of the vocalist and the girl-orchestra will be announced a little later.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Everyone is growlin these mornings about the way newspapers are disappearing from the Service Club—even before seven o'clock! The culprit had better mend his ways, before something is done . . . .

Congratulations to PFC Arthur (Income Tax) Harris, recently chosen to fill a position in the PX office vacated by Tech. Sgt. Gross, who is no longer a Sgt., but candidate for a commission at Carlisle Barracks.

Twenty-six recruits arrived from Monterey Presidio last night, and will hang their hats in Barracks T-38 while picking up the "tricks of the trade" at Letterman.

Pvt. Charles Oltean is back on duty in the detachment after a short experience in the status of patient.

Sgt. Bell announces purchase of a new tennis net for the ever increasing number of players—and that he will soon organize a detachment tournament. There will be more about it later, but so everyone will have a chance, two "ladders" will be formed—one for the novices or beginners, and the other for experienced players.

Pvt. Otten coins a phrase in his description of rice curry; CRUEL GRUEL, he calls it!

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The new men trying to help each other figure out the mystery of their locker combinations . . . . .

The flurry and rush of everyone to get tickets to Jack Benny's show last week . . . and not quite enought tickets to go around.

The boys in the information office talking into two 'phones at the same time . . . . two people often ask the same question at the same time, evidently.

Corporal Roscoe J. Willy working out in a sweat suit on the tennis court, sporting a new racquet.

Wardmaster Berry rushing off the post every other day—it MUST BE important!

Serve in Silence

Q. M. NEWS

A salute to Pvt. lcl. Dotseth whose new pastime consists of taking gals away from sailors. Nice work.

Pvt. Shurtz declares himself a life long friend of Pvt. Giovannetti and proves it by sharing Giovannetti's commuter's tickets to Oakland.

This is a red letter week for the detachment, for we have no new stories from Pvt. Bokin and Staff Sgt. Mehr has given up all hopes of getting his program on the Day Room radio—we hope.

Pvt. lcl. Dooley is now known as "Grease Monkey," for he is the little lad that has made an Art out of greasing bread pans in the bakery.

Ray Palmer has a new card trick that proves without a doubt that you are much crazier than he is.

Our man Friday Passarelli has been very quiet lately and he has us guessing for we don't know if it is the lull before the storm or a New Year's Resolution.

Staff Sgt. Mehr made a flying trip to San Diego Sunday before last and has been up in the air ever since. Pull in your wings Sergeant, come down to earth and lets see what you look like.

Pvts. Corrasa and Howell are the Champion "Pedro Players." At least as far as Corporal Craig and Pvt. Bearse are concerned.

According to the latest reports Pvt. lcl. George Morran will replace three air raid sirens. Talent scouts claim his voice is perfect for the job. On a still night he can be heard as fas as Sausalito.

While writing this, our friend, "POP" Latimer was released from the hospital. It is sure good to have you back on the job again, "Pop.'

MEDICAL SUPPLY

(Continued from page two)

Surgeon at headquarters of the Ninth Corps area. In 1939 he was retired at his own request after 33 years of service and settled down in a cozy home at Atherton down the Peninsula where he played in the garden, raked leaves in the fall, and assumed the demeanor of a country squire.

The emergency brought him out of retirement less than a year later and on October 7, 1940, he reported at Letterman for active duty and was assigned to the important office in charge of supplies. He was promoted to Major in May, 1941.

In addition to his duties as the Medical Supply officer he is also charged with the responsibility for the operation of the Hospital Laundry and the Medical Department utilities shops. As a Summary Court Officer he makes a benign judge in dispensing military justice as still another function in his day's work.

His assistant in the conduct of the supply section is Technical Sergeant Theodore Schmierer, who has been on duty there for the past 11 years and knows all there is to know about his end of the business. It is not true that he knows all of the procurement numbers in the supply table, at least he modestly makes that admission, but we have yet to stick him on a query or send him to the catalog for information an any standard article. Sgt. Schmierer rates very highly for his general efficiency.

The activities of the Medical Supply section have trebled in the past year and at the moment Major Humes is accountable for approximately one million dollars worth of property.

But he had that "million dollar smile" long before the earthly goods in his keeping reached that figure.

Gen. Washington's Medal of Honor

"The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is open to all", declared General Washington in his order of the day August 7, 1782, instituting the first American badge for military merit.

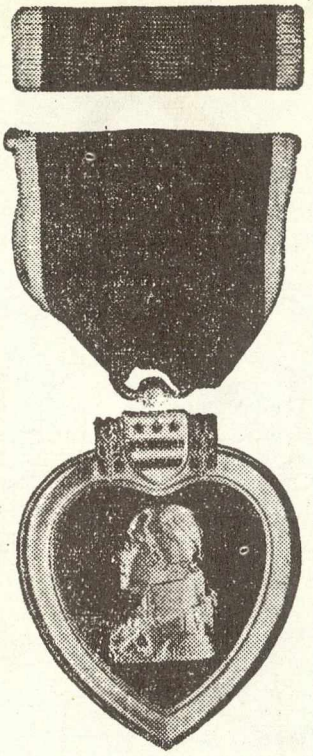
His act was in recognition of "bravery, fidelity and good conduct" among the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers in the Continental Army. Thus was established the Order of the Purple Heart.

Individual valor has always been a distinguishing trait of the American soldier. In the lapse of more than a century and a half between Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and Stony Point to Pearl Harbor, Batan and the Macassa Straits the roster of those men who have traveled the road to glory furnishes a brilliant record of patriotism and sacrifice.

In the first dark hours of the present war their heroic deeds have thrilled their countrymen and illumined the way to ultimate victory—inspiring hope of a triumph not only for the United Nations but for downtrodden peoples throughout the world.

No gold, silver or bronze blazoned from the breasts of the heroes Washington intended to honor. Read his general order:

"The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of military merit, directs that when any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with due reward. . . . The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country shall be open to all."



Purple Heart Medal

Subsequent to the Revolution the Order of the Purple Heart seems to have fallen into disuse and no further awards were made. Its revival was suggested at the time of the observance of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, and its reinstitution was announced by the War Department February 22, 1932. Under changes in Army regulations the Purple Heart is authorized to persons who "while serving in the Army of the United States perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service." Wounds received in action are included in this category.

All Army Reservists To Be Called To Active Duty

All Reserve members of the Army and National Guard living in the Ninth Corps Area are being called to active duty, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Jay L. Benedict, Commanding General of the Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

All members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, Regular Army Reserve, and National Guard not now on active duty, who have not received questionnaire forms to show whether they are immediately available for service, should write to the Enlisted Reserve Section, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., giving the present addresses where they may be reached by mail.

Reservists who have received their questionnaires should fill in the necessary information and mail them immediately to the Enlisted Reserve Section, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Reservists who have returned their questionnaires requesting deferment and have not been called to active duty should remain in their home communities until they receive orders or other official notice.

In all cases, Reservists should advise the Enlisted Reserve Section, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., of any change of address of their residences so that they may be reached by mail.

Reservists not on active duty are responsible for keeping their Corps Area headquarters informed of the present addresses at which they receive mail. Failure to do so may cause official mail to be returned undelivered and will render the Reservist absent without leave from the Army of the United States and subject to military law on his apprehension.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

MARCH 1:

1887—The Hospital Corps of the Army organized.

1904—General Gorgas becomes Chief Sanitary Officer of the Panama Canal Zone and in less than a year he entirely eradicates Yellow Fever and disease from the Canal Zone, formerly one of the plague spots of the world.

MARCH 2:

1833—Congress reduces the enlistments for the whole army to three years and increases the pay of a private from $5 to $6 per month. Although the soldier received only $5 of this amount for the first two years, he was given the remaining $24 at the expiration of that time, provided his conduct had been good.

MARCH 3:

1791—Congress passes Organization of Army Act authorizing an additional regiment to further protect frontier settlements.

1815—Military peace establishment fixed at 10,000 men.

1855—The Secretary of War is authorized to spend $30,000 for camels and dromedaries from the Orient to be tested in Texas for military purposes.

MARCH 4:

1776—During a single night General Washington occupies and fortifies Dorchester Heights commanding Boston, causing a British officer to write, "Redoubts were raised as if by the Genii belonging to Aladdin's wonderful lamp."

1915—Congress appoints three Army officers to report on the "inadvisability of the acquisition by the government of land for an aviation school and training ground."

MARCH 5:

1908—Lieutenant Z. M. Pike, United States Army, and exploring party arrive at Pine River, Minnesota.

MARCH 6:

1901—General William Gorgas establishes mosquitio control in Havana, Cuba.

MARCH 7:

1809—William Eustis, of Massachusetts, an ex-army surgeon, is appointed Secretary of War to President Madison.

ONE SMILE By Cpl. 'MIKE' MIKOS



"Come, come, Tinsley . . . is that necessary?"



To Captain and Mrs. Wilbert H. Riggs, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Nancy Jane, weight eight pounds two ounces, born February 18, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Daniel Healey, San Francisco, California, a daughter, Katherine Beth, weight six pounds fourteen ounces, born February 20, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Donald A. Daly, Fort Scott, California, a son, Alfred Daly, weight eight pounds one ounce, born February 22, 1942.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Sherman Lemen, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Sharon Fhey, weight six pounds fifteen ounces, born February 22, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond High, Air Corps, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Sandra Sue, weight seven pounds ten ounces, born February 23, 1942.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

March 1:

BLUES IN THE NIGHT—Priscilla Lane and Richard Walk. Also Short Subjects.

March 3:

WEEK END IN HAVANA—Alice Fay and John Payne. Also Short Subjects.

March 4:

BIRTH OF THE BLUES—Bing Crosby and Mary Martin. Also Short Subjects.

March 5:

HOLD BACK THE DAWN—Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer. Also Short Subjects.

March 6:

TILL WE MEET AGAIN—Merle Oberon and George Brent. Also Short Subjects.

March 7:

TOP SGT. MULLIGAN—Nat Pendleton and Carole Hughes. Also Short Subjects.

CHANGE RECORDS

They can't throw things at the bugler in a certain Armored Signal Company at Fort Benning, Georgia, but they can say things under their breath about the soldier in charge of the amplifying outfit that plays the bugler's records. And that's exactly what they did the other day.

You see, a number of calls are placed on the same record with a few seconds of dead grooves or pause between each call. The man in charge of the amplifying machine is supposed to stop the record after each call.

But on this particular day, he forgot. So out of the loudspeakers, in drill call, assembly and so on, to drill call, assembly and son on, to tattoo, call to quarters and taps . . . a day's complete routine, all crowded into a few minutes.

ARMY EMERGENCY

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a man who has given his life for his country can recieve insurance money or compensation.

Colonel John Thomas Taylor, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department, who is in charge of the work of initiating the campaign, had this to say about the plan. "It is our feeling that there was nothing impersonal about the way these men laid down their lives, and there should be nothing impersonal about the way in which the urgent necessities of their loved ones are cared for. It is hoped that wherever there is an official who says: "Sorry, but there will be necessary delay," there will also be a kindly and understanding volunteer worker of the A.E.F. to say: "We'll be glad to tide you over."

Cherished Momento

Private John P. Hollaway, patient on D-1, is the proud possessor of a precious souvenir bearing the signature of the first hero of World War II.

Hollaway, like so many men of the Air Corps, was anxious to use his leisure hours to better himself for his job and was granted permission in writing, over the signature of his squadron commander, to remain in the office after the work of the day was done.

The signature on that permission is that of Captain COLIN P. KELLY, JR.

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Chief Nurses Will Be Able To Tell Of the Deep South

The end of this week finds three of the recently appointed Chief Nurses receiving their mail at station hospitals far from the fog of San Francisco and when the midsummer heat begins to send the mercury in the thermometer toward the top of the tube the exiles in the state of Georgia will be wishing for even a wisp of the gray damp blanket of dew which makes our city by the Golden Gate a truly air conditioned spot as a result of nature's handiwork.

Chief Nurse Helene M. Girodon is exercising jurisdiction for the first time over a group of nurses on duty at the hospital at Camp Croft, in South Carolina. Miss Girodon is well fitted by her long experience as supervisor in the San Diego County Hospital for the task she faces amid her new surroundings. She has been a Chief Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve since December 15, 1941.

Chief Nurse Orah D. Stephenson also had a civilian record as supervisor at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco prior to enrollment in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve in December, 1939. A native of Oklahoma, she is now learning something about the inhabitants of Georgia while she looks after the health of the patients in the station hospital at Camp Stuart. It may turn out that Oklahoma and Georgia have a lot in common.

Chief Nurse Vera S. Logan has finally managed to separate herself from her native Golden State and at Camp Wheeler she will have her own little command which may assuage the feeling of sorrow of being so far away from Lake Merritt.



Miss ORAH DORCAS STEPHENSON
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) Army Nurse Corps. Native daughter of Oklahoma but longtime resident of San Francisco and now Chief Nurse in charge of the Station Hospital at Camp Stuart, Hinesville, Georgia.

AGENCIES BEING FORMED TO AID ALIEN PROBLEM

Moving swiftly toward welding an organization to cope with the problems attendant upon the Pacific Coast enemy alien program, Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, announced tonight the formation of a civilian staff under his direction composed of representatives of all interested federal agencies.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Post Office, Interior and Justice, as well as officials of the Federal Security Agency, the Federal Works Agency and the Office of Price Administration will be represented. These officials are developing and organizing plans and methods to handle all phases of the problem. State and local agencies are cooperating in the solution of local aspects of the program.

"The property section of my civilian staff," General DeWitt declared, "will deal with the perplexing problem of providing a property custodian, of minimizing economic dislocation, and of avoiding, so far as possible, forced sales by persons affected. The agriculture and resettlement sections will develop resettlement and relocation projects, soon to be announced, and will establish means to overcome, so far as possible, losses in agricultural production. A statistical section is gathering data necessary to supply other sections with the information they will require."

General DeWitt announced that Tom C. Clark, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, will be chief of staff of the organization.

OUTPATIENT DEPT. TREATS OVER 100 PATIENTS DAILY

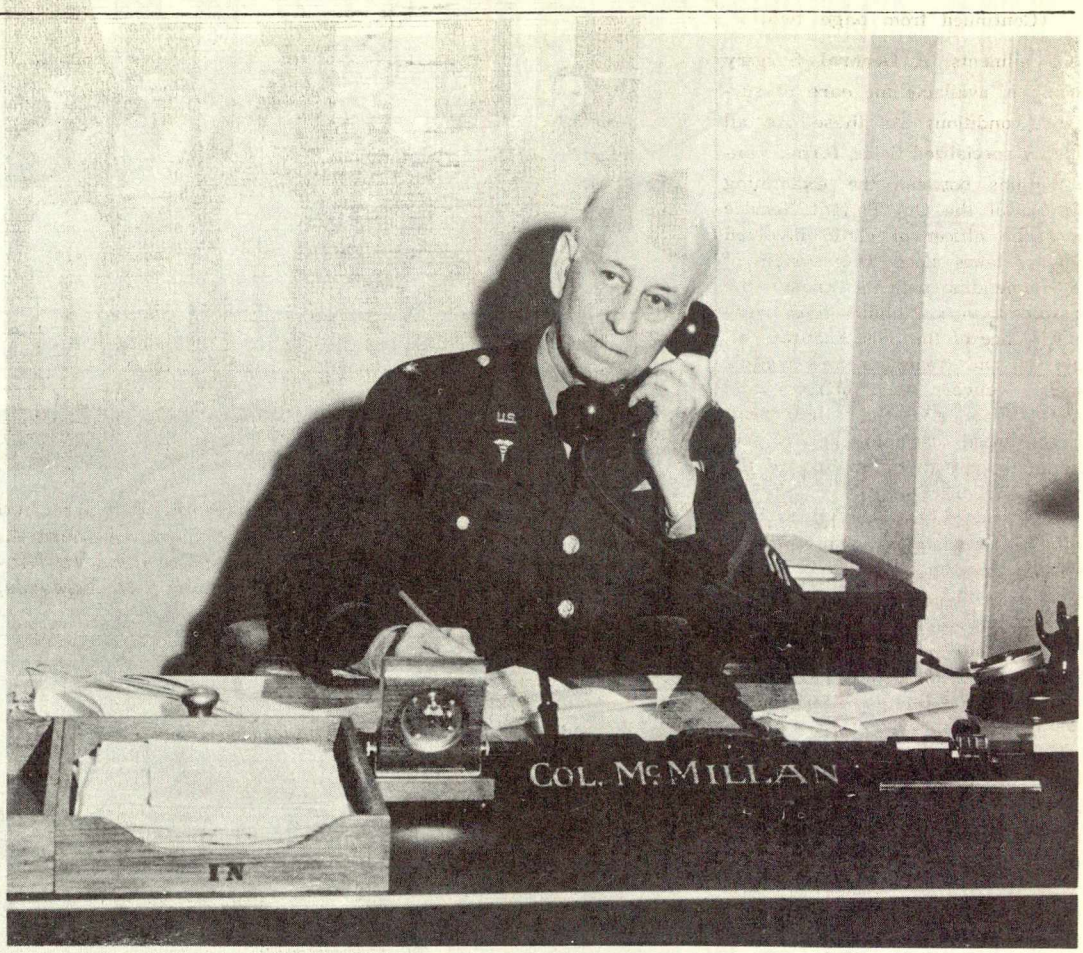
Just as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is a hospital's reputation no better than its poorest unit—but fortunately, Letterman has no weak units, and so its reputation is unexcelled.

In order to maintain respect and confidence of all branches of the Army, and to live up to the code of the Medical Corps, each department of the hospital does its best to attain perfection and greatest efficiency, and to this effort Out Patient Service is no exception, and well it achieves the goal.

Situated in the first wing south of the Administration offices, the Service furnishes medical service for hospital personnel, officers and their dependents, Fourth Army Headquarters and Ninth Corps Area personnel, units located in the nearby vicinity and for retired personnel and their dependents. For cases where it would be impractical for patients to visit the hospital, home calls are made, and ambulance service is maintained for those unable to reach the hospital otherwise.

Although the task of administering to the aforementioned groups is a large and serious undertaking in itself, it by no means embraces all work done by this unit. Civilian workers of the hospital, re-enlistment candidates, civil service and West Point applicants, Nurse Corps, Army Reserve and Reserve Nurse Corps are all given physical examination here. The monthly inspection of medical detachment members is a responsibility given to the Out Patient Service.

The Service is also given supervision over the Pharmacy, and Receiving and Evacuation offices. Chief of Out Patient Service heads all these departments and responsible for the efficiency thereof, is Colonel Clemens W. McMillan, who relieved Major Rich February 1, 1942, and although only a month at his new post, the veteran medical man has already mastered his many responsibilities. Major Alfred J. Schwarz is assistant to Colonel McMillan and also acts in the capacity of staff officer, as well as directing duties of the three nurses attached to the Service. A year ago, only one part time stenographer was needed to handle correspondence and clerical work of the office and staff—shortly after, one full time stenographer was employed, and recently, with the influx of dependents and men requiring medical treatment, another one was added, so that at present two full time stenographers are needed to carry out details of correspondence and recording of the office. That is an indication of the busy life led by Colonel McMillan as supervisor of many activities.



Colonel CLEMENS W. McMILLAN, M. C.
Chief of the Outpatient Service at Letterman

In addition to Major Schwarz, three medical officers are in attendance—Captain Thomas A. Broderick, Captain Clement A. Tovares, and Captain Morton A. Meyer—always on hand to care for the patients. Often these hardworking officers are called upon to give up their own time to ease suffering—and it is always done cheerfully. Four consulting rooms, complete with equipment are humming every day of the week, and in the past year, 40,000 treatments were rendered to 20,186 patients, averaging over 100 treatments a day for the 365 days.

An emergency room outfitted with equipment for operating, has recently been introduced, and at present is principally used for giving vaccinations, tests, and immunizations of all types. Doing a great deal of this work are Miss Anna Grassmeyer, ANC, and Miss Josie Self, ANC, who also assist staff officers in examinations and in cases requiring attendance of a nurse. In this capacity, these nurses fulfill a wide variety of demands. Last year, 4,926 vaccinations, tests and immunizations were given, and this year, with yellow fever and typhus shots required, the number will be doubled.

Calls are made to patients who cannot visit the hospital, usually to older retired personnel. Ambulance service is always available when necessary for patients within the city. Last year, 993 calls were made to homes in this area.

Seemingly, this work is more than a staff of this size could handle, but on top of everything, clinics, an important and indispensable section, are maintained through the Service on various days of the week. One day, Gynecological clinic is held by Colonel McMillan, where patients may be treated on appointment, or where surgery may be recommended and the patient placed in a ward or room in the hospital. On another day, expectant mothers may visit the prenatal clinic, conducted by the Chief of the Obstretrical section. A Pediatric clinic, for the treatment of child dependents of personnel is conducted by the staff pediatrician, Captain Tovares. Genito-Urinary and Orthopedic clinics are held under the chiefs of the respective services, and a Skin clinic is held under an officer assigned by the Medical Service for diagnosis and treatment of surface diseases

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and ailments. A General Surgery clinic is available for care of surgical conditions. As these are all highly specialized fields, formal consultations between the examining officer of the Out Patient Service and the officer of clinic involved always takes place. This system of recommending patients through the Service to various clinics gives every confidence of the most accurate diagnosis and treatment, and consultation between staff officers and clinic officers gives the patient benefit of broad discussion of his particular complaint or findings of the examining officer.

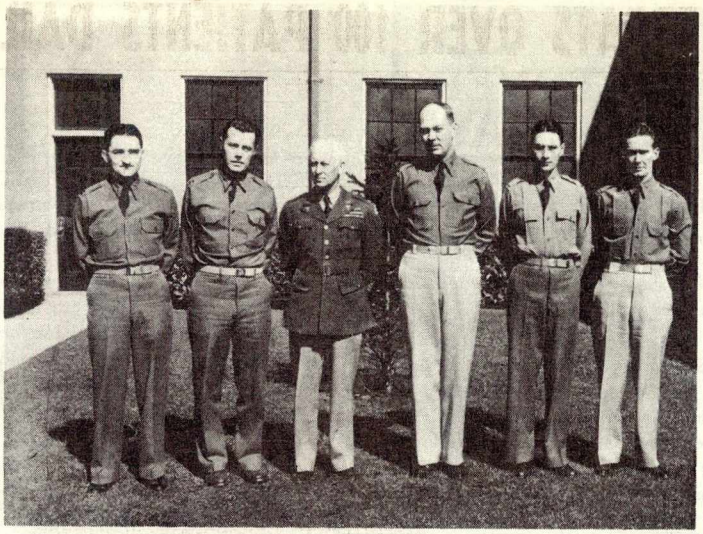
An interesting part of the work in the Service is carried on by Captain Tovares, who in addition to pediatric work, handles patients coming to the Allergy clinic. A consultation between the Station officer or ward officer takes place here also, and many odd and peculiar allergies are presented.

As well as these services, Out Patient Service is a means of entrance of patients to Dental, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat clinics for specialized treatment. These services are offered without special consultation—the patient is recommended to the clinic, and is thereafter the responsibility of that unit.

For the thousands of men and women treated here, elaborate records must be kept—complaints, findings, laboratory data, prescribed medications, etc., (the service last year wrote more than 25,000 prescriptions filled by its own pharmacy) and all data concerning the case recorded, and referred to on each visit by the patient. Each record is given an individual folder showing name, status, phone number, branch, etc., as well as technical information, and these files are immediately available through the use of a modern index card file. This important and detailed record, upon completion by the doctor or nurse, turned over to the file room for storage. Here PFC Elmer Cofer and Pvt. John James make indexes, catalogue the patient's file. These men play an integral part in the efficiency of the Service, for accurate filing and indexing are absolutely necessary. The file section is headed by Sgt. G. C. Edwards, whose job it is to keep everything running smoothly, and to see that adequate supplies are on hand at all times.

A large, airy, and pleasant room is maintained for patients awaiting appointments and is connected with the filing office by a counter, over which Miss Sabina Schmidt, ANC, presides in giving appointment dates, supplying information to visitors and in completing records. Because of the number of patients, Miss Schmidt is always busy, cheerfully helping anyone to whom she can be of service. Among other things, Miss Schmidt acts as clerk of this section.

In the entire Out Patient Service, the same atmosphere prevails—a busy place, but quietly so—no excitement, frustration or disorder. Everything is done in routine prescribed by highly competent authority, and the efficient and cheerful hardworking staff — commissioned, enlisted and civilian—all do their part in making the Service a strong link in the chain of hospital functions.



COLONEL McMILLAN and the officers on his staff attached to the Outpatient Service. Left to right: Capt. Clement A. Tovares, Capt. William S. Bagnall, Colonel Clemens W. McMillan, Major Alfred J. Schwarz, Lieut. Walton M. Edwards, Capt. Thomas A. Broderick.



VIEW OF waiting room in corridor of the Outpatient Department. Another large room off the corridor is the main waiting room.

Army Artists Have Chance To Garner LIFE Prizes

An Art Competition for men of the Armed Forces, with purchase awards totalling $1,000, was announced by Life magazine in its issue of last week.

The competition is open to all personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Corps, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and "the only condition as to subject matter is that it must relate to scenes and events connected with the artist's experience while on active duty with the armed forces."

Eleven pictures will be selected and the first award will be $300, second award $200, third award $100, and eight fourth awards of $50 each. The Committee of Judges will be: the Editors of Life, and John I. H. Bauer, of the Brooklyn Museum; Juliana Force and Lloyd Goodrich, of the Whitney Museum of American Art; Dorothy C. Miller, of the Museum of Modern Art; and Herman Williams, of the Metropolitan Museum, all of New York City.

"The objectives of the competition," Life explains, "are to seek out artists in uniform and scenes that only they can recreate from the depths of an experience totally foreign to most of us; to record and preserve these scenes for all time as a part of America's cultural heritage.

"Pictures may be done in oil, watercolor, gouache, pencil or other medium. No sculpture, cartoons, or photographs are eligible. Selection of best pictures will be made regardless of medium used—that is, first award may be given to a drawing if the drawing is considered better than any painting submitted.

"Entries may be sent in on any date through May 4, 1942. Any picture post-marked after midnight, May 4, will not be eligible. Winners will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

"Each work of art should have a title and explanation of subject matter. Entries must be accompanied by the name of the artist, his rank and address."

Army men should address their entries to: Pictorial Branch, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Washington, D. C. for Life Art Competition.

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EDITORIAL

SERVE IN SILENCE

Again we take up our powers of persuasion to urge upon all of us the necessity of going quietly about our work. The present campaign to impress the community with the importance of silence on military matters should have the active support of every man in uniform.

It is flattering to a soldier to have a man in a street car or bus ask his opinion of how the war is going and further adroit questioning soon has the soldier trying to live up to the impression he thinks he is creating by giving complete details of what is going on in his own post. It is not hard for even the simple minded to understand why questions are asked.

Headquarters of the Western Defense Command has issued instructions relative to "Illegitimate release of classified information" and says in conclusion: "Secrecy of troop movements, especially of those designated for overseas service, must be guarded with the greatest diligence. Commanders of all grades will direct their personal attention to safeguarding information of this character, and will take prompt and energetic steps, of that disciplinary severity which the case demands, against any individual who is guilty of divulging it to unauthorized persons."

There it is in plain language. Either serve in silence because it is a patriotic duty or serve in silence because too much talking may involve us in personal difficulties with stern discipline.

Anyway, Serve in Silence.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Technical Sergeant **"Dave" Gimble**, the boss man at the garage, not above getting behind the wheel himself when the demand for service reaches a peak.

Some new chevrons on the sleeves of two of the Quartermaster noncoms. Technical Sergeant **Charles F. Bretchel** has been promoted to Master Sergeant and Staff Sergeant **Charles Middleton** has been upped to Tech.

Lawrence Croxton joining the wheel chair brigade for the after show coke in the evenings.

Sgt. **Goldstein** presenting his friends with a copy of his book on "The Mechanics of Oxygen Therapy." Worth reading for anyone interested in the care of the sick.

Officers looking over the new Tables of Organization and wondering whether it bodes good or evil for the individnal.

Captain **Milton Tinsley** asking someone to explain the point in the alleged cartoon published in the last issue.

Staff Sgt. **Sidney C. Howe** visiting around with some of the buddies he had not seen for two months.

The nice new block linoleum being laid on the upper deck of the Administration Building and designed to soften the patter of high heels.

OH, SISTER!

A Chicago newspaper recently appealed to its readers to "adopt a Yank" soldier.

As a result, the nomination for luckiest guy of the month goes to Corporal Marshall Dahlgren of the 69th Infantry Brigade. He was "adopted" by an entire mid-western college sorority!

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The recent addition to the Nurses' Quarters has been completed and turned over to the Principal Chief Nurse for further assignment of space to the nurses present for duty. The added rooms have all been occupied and a lot of us will be a lot nearer to work these rainy mornings —if it really rains in San Francisco.

Just so the contrast between the new and the old will not be too evident, the painters have gone to work on the "old" quarters and what is ahead is "new" quarters on the same spot.

Miss **Ann L. Campbell** is a patient in the hospital this week but should be back on K-1 before very long.

Miss **Charlotte Parham** is on her final leave of absence prior to retirement.

Four of the staff are taking "one of those rides" this week and we expect them back too.

Miss **Phyllis Isely** is starting now to collect "FOGHORNS" and she hopes to have a complete file by next week—or sometime.

Miss **Mary E. Short** is the lady at the typewriter in the Chief's Office these long afternoons.

Feminine Interest Unusually Keen

The officers and men at Fort Belvoir Virginia recently entertained a visiting dignitary, Colonel Nelligan, Official Chaplain of the Canadian Army. It was the colonel's first visit to an American Army camp and he was quite interested in the chapels, mess halls and the manner in which American soldiers live.

Then came the most interesting part of his visit. It was learned that Colonel Nelligan is the official chaplain for the Dionne Quintuplets, that he carried with him many pictures of the famous little girls. At the Service Club after dinner he spent the evening answering questions about—not war, nor Canadian soldiers—but the Dionne quintuplets.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 8, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, March 13.
7:30 p. m. Benediction and Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

CHOIR BOYS SING AT SERVICE IN POST CHAPEL

Worshippers at the Sunday morning services for the Catholic congregation in the Post Chapel this week were assisted by the choral work of the Boys' Choir from the Star of the Sea Church of San Francisco, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Zink.

This was their first appearance under an arrangement by which they will provide the musical program for the services on the first Sunday of each month and the congregation is deeply appreciative of the interest of the young choristers as demonstrated by their willingness to forego their own leisure on a holiday.

The boys singing in the choir were: Buddy Armstrong, Bud Brophy, Jerry Conlon, Steve Crowley, Tom Duffy, Dick Enos, Ralph Estupinian, Vincent Fabris, Andrew Finn, John Gottsche, Don Harrison, Tom Harrison, John Harrington, Richard Jackson, Philip Jaeger, Carol Keating, James Latham, Thomas Moore, John Molinelli, Robert Mullin, Billy O'Hare, Albert Rollandi, Jim Wagner, Richard Wahler, and James Wallsten.

The Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick L. Ryan, V.G., Pastor of the Church of the Star of the Sea very graciously approved the plan for the boys to sing in our chapel.

GREAT SCOTT

An observer at Fort Scott after watching the recruits training for a while came through with this conclusion: "If all the boys on the drill field were laid end to end, they'd be a lot more comfortable."

MEDICAL DETACH

Sgt. Thomas R. Bell, E. & R. Steward, announces that a tennis tournament has been arranged for the men of the detachment. Those men, experienced or novice players, interested in the tournament should see Sgt. Bell as soon as possible to be placed. Two tennis ladders will be drawn up to accomodate the novice and the expert so that all who wish to play can play.

Twelve members of the detachment have been detailed to the Special Service School for special instruction in the Laboratory, Pharmacy, X-Ray, Surgical and Medical departments of the school. The course of instruction will be given to the following men: Privates First Class: Gregory K. Bogue, William A. Portello and Richard E. Rosenberg, and Privates: Stanley L. Boyd, David K. Campbell, Larry O. Broughton, John R. Grady, Oren A. Fuller, Edward C. Parke, Stanley E. Rice, Vern L. Stucky and Marvin C. Wagner.

Now that Corporal Patrick Wilds has been returned to active duty Sgt. Oscar R. Madsen is again polishing up his billiards game. Their Billiard Feud has been resumed where they left off when "Pat" was placed on the reserves several months ago and the games look about even.

Of interest to members of the detachment was the recent marriage of Private John W. Evans and Miss Mary Elizabeth Spicer, which took place in the Post Chapel at Letterman and was performed by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna. The ceremony took place last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. and was witnessed by Private William Cain and Miss Katherine Wade.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Members of the Operating Room swooping down on the P. X. Grill en masse every morning . . . One for all, all for one . . . even to the same things for breakfast.

Pvt. David J. Ross buying a wedding anniversary present for his wife in Los Angeles. Better late than never, Pvt. Ross.

Sergeant Donald F. Allison of the Cast Room wondering if his "trick" knee would behave a little better if he made a cast for it.

Private Marshall R. Kellett using the operating table to write a letter to his girl friend at home, and then being highly insulted because he was informed that the table was not meant for that.

M/Sgt. Ernest E. Allen maintaining an amazing calm even when pressed for time in his work.

Letterman Hospital has applied for a berth in the Soft Ball tournament that is being drawn up for the Harbor defense units and members of the detachment who have played soft ball are urged to try out for the team. After having made such a fine showing in the baseball tournament we are anxious to repeat that performance in the soft ball tournament. Contact Sgt. Bell, E. & R. Steward, for the particulars.

To You, Our Fallen Buddies

The barracks now are silent
Where once our laughter rang;
The steel guitar is broken
Where around your bunks we sang.
As the stars give way to morning
In Oahu's cloud swept sky
Old Glory's proudly waving
Seeped in Heroes' crimson dye.

Can you hear us there in Heaven
As the dawn patrol takes flight?
On silvery wings your memory soars
In holy Freedom's fight!
The Kona winds blow softly
And palm trees whisper low;
But America will remember
Whence came this dastard blow.

Let the Nipponese remember this
As they cringe beneath the sky
At Hickam's flaming vengeance
For you—the first to die.

—Joe Brimm

Written among the wreckage of Hickam Field early on the morning of December 8, 1941.

Everybody Welcome—Everything Free

Men of all branches of the United States armed forces are invited to avail themselves of the facilities of the three USO Clubs now in full operation in San Francisco. All three offer all of the comforts and conveniences of first class men's clubs and the service of each was designed to appeal to the service man on leave or passing through the city.

Newest of the USO club houses was opened by the National Jewish Welfare Board on Sunday, February 22, at 111 O'Farrell Street. It is centrally located and easy of access in the downtown district. There are six floors, lounge, game, reading, writing and music rooms with all modern club conveniences including shower baths, a Stag Room, ball room and auditorium where frequent entertainments for the service men are given. All facilities are free. The Club is open from 11:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m. Mr. Morton J. Gaba is director and Miss Eleanor S. Brussell, assistant.

Two USO Clubs are operated in the downtown district by the National Community Service, one at 70 Oak Street directed by Joseph Bosque, the other at Fremont and Harrison Streets, directed by John J. Lyons. These clubs are equally well equipped. Dances are regular features Saturday and Sunday nights.

At the Harrison and Fremont Streets USO Club, patriotic San Franciscans keep the larder well stocked with pies, cakes, doughnuts and sandwiches which are served free with coffee.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

We have heard of all sorts of slogans concerning the current war being waged. The newest one around here is "Keep Them Staggering," donated by our own Private Robert J. Ransom!

Private First Class Allen R. Crampton, who just went on detached service a few days ago to Whittier, Calif., has returned this week feeling much more satisfied since he got to see his folks, who also live in Southern California.

Three enlisted men arrived at the school this week from Camp Barkeley, Texas, for a course on orthopedic bracemaking. These are the first students to receive instruction in such type of work and will get most of their schooling in the hospital.

Sergeant Delmar E. Carlson, enlisted instructor of the surgical school, has finally broken down. Carlson has bought a $250 wedding set! The engagement ring is missing already from the set, and we have heard that he contemplates giving the other one soon! Good luck to you, "Glamour Kid."

This informant has learned we have quite an aviator in the school supply. It is none other than that well-known private — Everrett E. Deeds!! Rumors have it that he can tell you any type of plane that has flown overhead! Maybe he is in the wrong branch of the service.

1st Lt. Maurice M. Haskell, instructor of the X-ray school, has just returned from detached service to Whittier, Calif. While down in Southern California, Lt. Haskell had enough time to see his folks for a brief while.

TURN ABOUT

There's a different twist to this item from Fort Slocum, New York. Rose Mary Hayden is a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. For the duration she will serve with Uncle Sam Afterwards—well, the Lieutenant has a boy friend back home; and he has promised to wait for her until she gets out of the Army!



To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Laurence H. Anderson, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Valerie Jean, weight seven pounds seven ounces, born February 25, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph K. Lewis, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a son, Bayan, weight nine pounds fifteen ounces, born February 25, 1942.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles L. Hamilton, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Nancy Lee, weight seven pounds seven ounces, born February 27, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. James H. Marsteller, Air Corps, a daughter, Stephanie Miguela, weight seven pounds fifteen ounces, born February 28, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Samuel J. Easley, San Francisco, California, a son, Thomas Daniel, weight eight pounds two ounces, born March 3, 1942.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Isadore Droese, Presidio of San Francisco, California a son, Marshall Herman, weight six pounds five ounces, born March 2, 1942.

Leading the League —of Nations

Professional baseball, America's national sport, has been losing many of its celebrities to the armed forces. Recent statistics show that more than 300 minor league players are now in the ranks and that the major leagues have lost 60 men to the Colors.

The roster includes Bob Feller, Hugh Mulcahy, Mickey Harris, Porter Vaughn, Fred Hutchinson, Ken Silvestri, Carvel Rowell, Cecil Travis, Buddy Leary, Sam Chapman, Clarence Campbell, Joe Grace, Al Brancato, Hank Greenberg and many others.

Johnny Sturm who until recently covered first base for the New York American League Club is now at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He summed it up for all the ex-ball players when he said recently, "I'm still with the Yankees—and they've still got the best club in the world."

NON-MILITARY UNIFORMS BEING WORN BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AT LGH



PICTURED ABOVE are the uniforms worn by the Physio-Therapy and Occupational Therapy aides on duty at this hospital. The P-T uniform is a dark blue, one piece, heavy linen dress, with white collar and cuffs, and worn with white hose and shoes. The cap is blue and white organdie for aides and all white for head aides. The O-T uniform is all white, with white hose and shoes, and white cap. A medium blue clinical style coat is worn over the uniform and O-T aides who are members of the American Association of Registered Occupational Therapy Aides wear a distinctive insignia on the left sleeve. The models in the picture are Miss Julia Graves, P-T Aide, and Miss Martha Mae Lasche, O-T Aide.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

MARCH 8:

1854—Commodore Perry in conference with the Japanese at Yokohama presents American gifts including a fully equipped miniature railroad, a telegraph line, and a steamboat, representing the arts of western civilization.

MARCH 9:

1864—General Ulysses S. Grant commissioned Lieutenant-General at the White House, and assumed the chief command of the Army the following day.

MARCH 10:

1783—An anonymous address, the work of John Armstrong, aide-de-camp of General Gates, called officers at Newburgh, N. Y., to a meeting to consider grievances, and urged the soldiers of the Continental Army not to disband until the question of their compensation had been adjusted.

MARCH 11:

1884—Sergeant Long and Eskimo Christiansen, Greely Expedition, (U. S. Army), leave Camp Clay for Alexandra Harbor, Alaska, to secure food. They returned empty handed. Only seven of the party were alive by the time Captain Schley reached them with relief.

MARCH 12:

1914—Army engineers invesigate available railroad routes in Alaska.

MARCH 13:

1916—Agreement made with General Carranza by which he allowed American troops to enter Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa on condition that his own troops would have the same right to pursue bandits across the American Frontier.

MARCH 14:

1901—General Funston and four officers, disguised as prisoners of 84 friendly Macabebes, start on a journey through the Philippine jungle for 110 miles to Palanan. In this disguise they are able to take prisoner the insurrectionist leader, Emilio Aguinaldo, and two of his cabinet. This action resulted in the disintegration of the insurrection.

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WELCOME ADDITION TO RED CROSS SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF

It is an accepted truth among veteran police officers that the "criminal always returns to the scene of the crime" and we are not sure there is any local application of the adage but a wisp of a young lady who was a "bluebird" at Letterman in 1922 has returned in 1942 as a staid matron wearing the gray of the American Red Cross. There will be a lot of folks who may not understand just what a "bluebird" is or was and we should tell you that it was the pet name of the students of the Army School of Nursing and derived from the color of the uniform prescribed for the young ladies.

It is not our intention to dwell on the number of years elapsing between 1922 and 1942 but we would like to stress what had happened in the interim and the one time "bluebird" made excellent use of the time. Her original idea of fitting herself to be of service to humanity was always in sight and she went on increasing her capacity for doing good. In addition to her Certificate of Graduation from the Army School of Nursing she later acquired a degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of California at Los Angeles and topped that off with her Master's degree in Social Science from the University of Southern California.

Do not reach for your hat—we still have much to tell. The same lady took work for her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. There was also attendance at Columbia University and staff work at the well known Bloomingdale Hospital in New York. At the Los Angeles County Hospital she served as a ward supervisor and was associated with the nationally known Judge Ben Lindsey as a psychologist. She filled the office of Pychiatric Probation Officer in Los Angeles and served as the Senior Psychopathic Social Service Worker at Camarillo State Hospital.

All work and no play makes Jill a dull girl so she went in for aviation and speed boat racing. She is the proud possessor of a lieutenant's commission in the Women's Air Reserve and has piloted her boat in competition against some of the best on the west coast. All of which will account for her ability to go straight into high gear from a standing start, and if on occasion she goes up in the air over something you feel assured that she will come down under control for a three point landing every time. Her husband is a Commander in the Naval Reserve so she comes by that love of the sea as a matter of course. Might be that she even stumps the better half in navigation problems. In the words of that stentorian radio announcer advertising "modern design," on the land, in the air, and on the sea, she is equally at home.

As we near the end of our story, and surely before we write "30" as the signal for the typesetter that we have come to the last line, we feel that you will agree with us that Mrs. Vivienne Culver Williams, ASN '24, is a very valuable addition to the Social Service staff assigned to Letterman General Hospital by the American Red Cross.

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Mrs. VIVIENNE CULVER WILLIAMS, R. N.
Medical Social Service Worker for the American Red Cross

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MARCH 8:
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Katherine Hepbuprn and Spencer Tracy. Also Short Subjects.

MARCH 10:
SKYLARK — Claudette Colbert and Raymond Milland. Also Short Subjects.

MARCH 11:
HOT SPOT—Victor Mature and Betty Grable. Also Short Subjects.

MARCH 12:
YANK ON THE BURMA ROAD—Lorraine Day and Stuart Crawford. Also Short Subjects.

MARCH 13:
MALTESE FALCON—Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. Also Short Subjects.

MARCH 14:
THE GAY FALCON — George Saunders and Wendie Barry. Also Short Subjects.

Those Abbreviations

Have you ever heard of the "irk" boys? That's the newest Army abbreviation and accounts for questions such as "Are you 'irked' " or "What do you think of the new "irk" uniforms?" or "Do you want to meet an 'Irk'?" The new name is the abbreviation for the 28-year-old men recently returned to active duty from civilian life—the Enlisted Reserve Corps—E R C, pronounced "irk."

BLOOM! BLOOM!

A private at Camp Davis, North Carolina, was transferred to the Barrage Balloon Training Center. He called home and informed his family of his new address. Apparently he failed to enunciate clearly, ecause his next mail was addressed to Bloom's Garage, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

ARE WOMEN LESS COURAGEOUS THAN THE STRONGER SEX

The country is India. A large dinner party is being given in an up-country station by a colonial official and his wife. The guests are army officers and government attaches and thir wives, and an American naturalist.

At one side of the long table a spirited discussion springs up between a young girl and a colonel. The girl insists women have long outgrown the jumping-on-a-chair-at-the-sight-of-a-mouse era, that they are not as fluttery as their grandmothers. The colonel says they are, explaining that women haven't the actual nerve control of men. The other men at the table agree with him.

"A woman's unfailing reaction in any crisis," the colonel says, "is to scream. And while a man may feel like it, yet he has that ounce more of control than a woman has. And that last ounce is what counts!"

The American scientist does not join in the argument, but sits watching the faces of the other guests. As he looks, he sees a strange expression come over the face of the hostess. She is staring straight ahead, the muscles of her face contracting slightly. With a small gesture she summons the native boy standing behind her chair. She whispers to him. The boy's eyes widen: he turns quickly and leaves the room. No one else sees this, nor the boy when he puts a bowl of milk on the verandah outside the glass doors.

The American comes to with a start. In India, milk in a bowl means only one thing. It is bait for a snake. He realizes there is a cobra in the room.

He looks up at the rafters—the likeliest place—and see they are bare. Three corners of the room, which he can see by shifting only slightly, are empty. In the fourth corner a group of servants stand, waiting until the next course can be served. The American realizes there is only one place left—under the table.

His first impulse is to jump back and warn the others. But he knows the commotion will frighten the cobra and it will strike. He speaks quickly, the quality of his voice so arresting that it sobers everyone.

"I want to know just what control everyone at this table has. I will count three hundred—that's five minutes—and not one of you is to move a single muscle. The persons who move will forfeit 50 rupees. Now! Ready!"

The 20 people sit like stone images while he counts. He is saying " . . . two-hundred and eighty . . . " when, out of the corner of his eye, he sees the combra emerge and make for the bowl of milk. Four or five screams ring out as he jumps to slam shut the verandah doors.

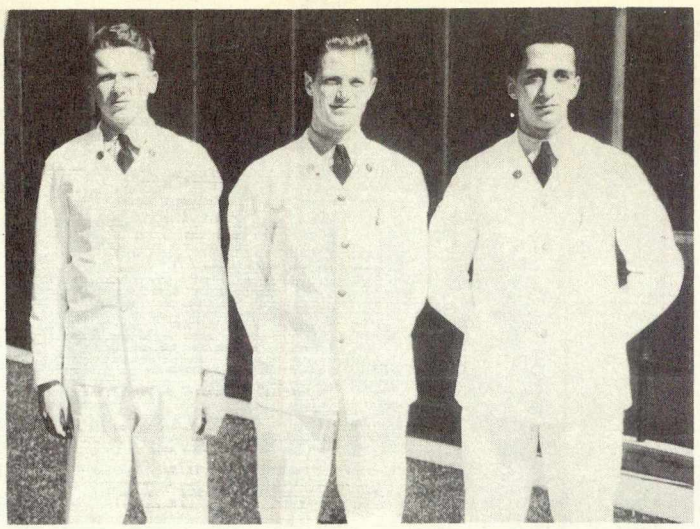
"You certainly were right, Colonel!" the host says, "A man has just shown us an example of real control."

"Just a minute," the American says, turning to his hostess, "there's one thing I'd like to know. Mrs. Wynnes, how did you know that cobra was in the room?"

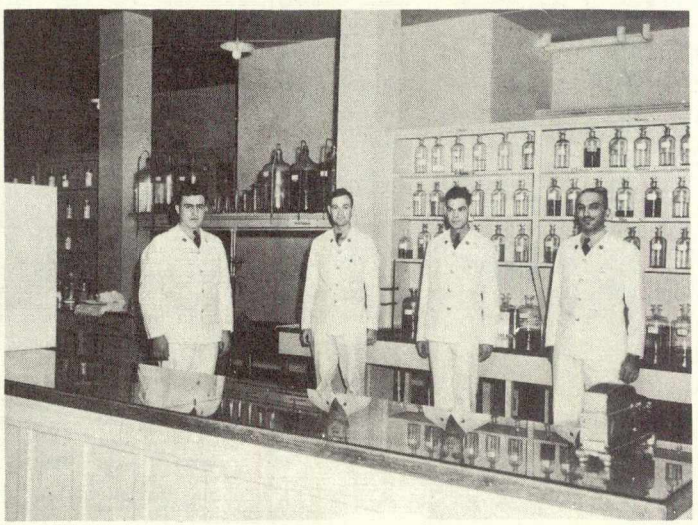
A faint smile lights up the woman's face as she replies: "Because it was lying across my foot."

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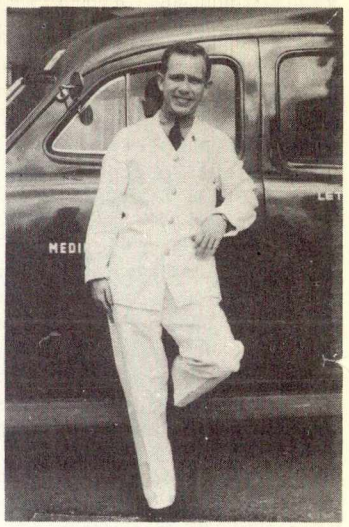


OUTPATIENT Service enlisted personnel. Left to right: Pvt. 1st Cl. Elmer E. Cofer, Sergeant George C. Edwards, Pvt. John Y. James.



ENLISTED personnel on duty with the Letterman Pharmacy. Left to right: Pvt. Ernest L. Brensel, Pvt. 1st Cl. Richard S. Jones, Pvt. 1st Cl. Robert L. Mathers, Staff Sergeant Kornig Anooshian.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. PAUL OTTEN

Although 27 years old, Pvt. Paul Otten of the receiving office was still going to school at the time of his induction in August of 1941—but that month marked the completion of 21 years of attendance at educational institutions for him. "It's almost a hobby, going to school," he says, "a hobby that will some day pay dividends."

Formerly Office Manager of a large St. Louis, Missouri, firm, Pvt. Otten is a native of that city, and until the beginning of his Army career, had never spent any amount of time away from it. Jefferson Barracks was his first post, and from there, was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois for basic training as a soldier and medical technician. While completing these courses, Pvt. Otten also attended Army Clerical School, and was graduated after a three month period with excellent grades in all subjects. In between times, he found time to assist in clerical duties of his company, and in connection with his school, learned the intricacies of Personnel Records and Company Administration.

This is Pvt. Otten's first trip to the Coast; and while he will always have a tender spot in his heart for St. Louis, the San Francisco area offers so much in the way of scenery and climate and friendliness, that Pvt. Otten thinks he'll "stay and make a home here" after returning to civiian life.

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Master Sgt. Rowell To Retired List; 28 Years Service

The War Department in special orders from Washington has announced the retirement from active duty of Master Sergeant Robert P. Rowell on account of disability in line of duty after more than 28 years of service.

Master Sergeant Robert P. Rowell was born at Florence, South Carolina, and completed the public school course in his native village. He enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on August 25, 1913, and was assigned to 36th Company, CAC, with station at Fort Mott, N. J., and later went with his organization to Fort Mills, on Corregidor Island in Manila Bay. In December, 1915, he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and has been with that branch of the service ever since.

He saw service with the A.E.F. in Siberia from August, 1918, to March, 1920, and came to duty at Letterman Hospital as Chief Clerk to the Quartermaster in November, 1921, and he holds the same assignment today.

He was discharged as Technical Sergeant on his first enlistment and all subsequent discharges have been in that grade or the next higher—Master Sergeant.

As a token of the esteem in which he was held by the officers and men of the Quartermaster Detachment of this post Sergeant Rowell was presented with a double pen desk set and a One Hundred Dollar Defense Bond at an informal gathering to mark his passing from active duty.

Although he will no longer wear the uniform he remains a part of the Quartermaster staff in the civilian capacity of assistant to the Post Quartermaster, and those of us who have been accustomed to the super efficient service he rendered in the past are assured of a continuance of the same high quality in the future.

It will be stimulating to call the same old number and hear the same old familiar voice answer with: "Quartermaster Office, Mr. Rowell speaking."



Master Sergeant ROBERT P. ROWELL
United States Army, Retired

SHOCKING STORY

Mather Field, California, has an ingenious Staff Sergeant who rigged up a device on his radio to give electric shocks to "Unauthorized personnel" who might use it.

But the inventive Sarge is not doing so well. So far he has been the only one to "get the works." He fell into his own trap four times."

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Much Cooperation In Rehabilitation Of Enemy Aliens

Representatives of civilian agencies of the government are cooperating with the Army in extensive preparations for the reception and resettlement of enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans to be excluded from certain zones and areas of the Western Defense Command, it was announced today at the headquarters of Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense and Fourth Army.

The Pacific Coast program is proceeding along American lines, in accordance with General DeWitt's plan of tempering stern military necessity with every practicable safeguard for individual and property rights.

Areas vital to the defense of the West Coast, and to the safeguarding of installations indispensable to the success of our war effort, must be closed to enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans, but the plans for excluding these groups from the vital areas are receiving careful study in order to minimize the disruption of normal life, both among those required to move and those remaining in the areas affected.

Subject to necessary wartime regulations, the aliens and Japanese-Americans in the resettlement areas will be allowed to lead their lives with a minimum of restraint. It is anticipated that the aliens and others affected will cooperate fully with the Army in minimizing the hardships that will be inevitable in some cases.

When exclusion from extensive areas is ordered, all will be in readiness for orderly, humane handling of the people affected. The Army again cautioned the aliens and others concerned that exclusion from

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A DAY IN THE AIR WITH THE BOMBER PATROL

In answer to numerous requests to cover a tactical mission in an Army bomber, the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army assigned a 4th Air Force officer to make several flights and to write, in general terms, a story which should be of interest to the public.

Combat crews of the Army airplanes scouting sea lanes and other areas of the Pacific never know tomorrow's job until operations orders come through from Headquarters, 4th Air Force, about 9:30 p. m.

That ends an evening of study, solitaire, magazines, letters, argument, speculation and the interminable discussion of when the outfit is leaving and where it's going, girls encountered in the city on the last day off, girls to be encountered on the next day off, if and when there is one.

Orders for a mission are greeted as a welcome relief from the monotonous inactivity of being held as a striking force.

It is cold on this desert plateau. The wind blows, it seems without end, bringing sand with it; fine particles which somehow sift into a toothpaste tube, belligerent grains which sting the face. The tent groans, the guys creak, and then someone with a flashlight is there, rousing the protesting occupants. In an hour light will break. All hands must be about their business.

It is colder than the night before, but the wind has died away. The stove roars into life and radiates a happy warmth. There is something familiar about that stove. It looks like . . . . indeed it is, an orchard heater, an humble smudge pot, now doing its bit for national defense. It does fine, under the circumstances, having few drawbacks. It requires an engineer to tend it, and occasionally it blows up, showering the company with soot.

There is much groping about for pants and shoes. Outside it is dark as that perfect blackout for which air raid wardens yearn. Someone flip flops over a tent peg and raises an indignant outcry. The call at the washroom is casual; on such mornings only a tenderfoot would think of shaving.

In the messhall, movement resembles an outraged wasp's nest. Pilots, navigators, bombardiers, radio men, gunners, crew chiefs and the mere drawers of water and hewers of wood scramble through a haze of over-fried bacon and coffee fumes intent on the business of fueling against the day-long pull. They are a fantastic looking lot. Certain bizarre crops of whiskers are being cultivated, probably on oaths to avenge Pearl Harbor. Officers in their flying coveralls resemble tastefully dressed garage attendants at the end of a hard week; the men might have ridden a coal car from Pennsylvania. One navigator sports a dilapidated pair of fancy cowboy boots. This is quite in the Air Force tradition of being different. On the flying fields of France the lineal predecessors of these lads were odd characters indeed. But when the General drops in, or when they go to town, their shine and polish surpass Wellington's Grenadiers.

The light is breaking to the east, faintly outlining the grotesque Joshua trees, as the crews struggle across the sand to their ships.

The Army Air Forces call them LB-30's, but they were built at San Diego for the British who know them as Liberators. They are huge four-motored affairs with guns bristling from green and tan sides like the quills of a disorderly porcupine. The throttles are closed, the crew slips in past the reduced windstream and creeps through the open bomb-bay doors into the heart of the ship. Skeeter, the pilot who won the Soldier's Medal for pulling a comrade from a burning airplane, and his co-pilot complete the complicated ritual of checking the ship for flight. From a maze of dials, meters, throttles, buttons, handles, they sort the right ones. The navigator, in this case the son of a very famous father (in fact he refers to the Commander in Chief as "Pop"), takes his station immediately behind the pilot, the radio man sits in his little "office" behind the co-pilot. Crew chief and gunners take stations in the rearward recesses of the machine. The visitor from headquarters perches on the throne-like eminence of the navigator's dropleaf table.

On the ground it is still gray as the procession of mammoth contraptions lumbers to the runway, but the tips of the surrounding mountains are turning pink.

The take-off follows a surprisingly short run and a course is set for a notch in rugged mountains just now being lighted by the sun. Follow glimpses of green rectangular farmlands, silver glints of water courses, highways with little creeping cars, and more rugged gorges and peaks until through the haze appears the thin white line of surf. Meanwhile the navigator has busied himself with maps and compasses, plotting sheets and tables, and comes up with a course for the flight plan. Back to the home station by radio goes this report.

From the 8,000 foot level which the crossing of the mountains required, the bomber glides down to its cruising altitude, crosses that white line of surf, scuds over the green belt of water near the coastline and the business of the day begins.

Skeeter puts the automatic pilot to work, fiddles with a few buttons, and stretches against a long and tedious scouring of the sea.

The mountains behind shrink and disappear in the haze, the color of the Pacific changes to slate or postman's gray, the swells chase one another, undulating endlessly with an occasional break into a white-cap. Sometimes a cloud draws its shadow over the sea; always the sun covers all.

Except for this bomber and itinerant and undisturbed seagulls the sky is deserted, but somewhere to north and south 4th Air Force planes are racing out to sea, and in other areas the Marines and the Navy fly their patrols. Day after day this goes on, fair weather or foul, and will continue so long as the American Pacific Coast is in danger. Eyes trained to the purpose constantly watch up and down, right and left, into the sky, on the surface of the sea, and beneath the surface for the telltale shadow which would reveal a submarine.

So it will go on, for hours, mile upon trackless mile, until his compass and his octant and his calculations tell the navigator that the pinpoint on the chart, designated in orders and a substantial fraction of the distance to Honolulu, has been reached.

Dull work? The crew thinks not. They love it. They're busy enough. Constantly they're practicing their roles, rehearsing against the great day when they pay the Japanese back for Pearl Harbor.

The crew chief, a red-haired Irishman, who wears carpet slippers for comfort as well as for agility in scrambling over the ship, leads a tour of inspection. The path to the bombardier's compartment calls for a contortionist who can double inward on himself to avoid the arming mechanism of the bombs and then, flat on his stomach, wriggle past the retracted nose wheel. But once there, the view is the reward. The bombardier sits in his plastic cage, swinging far out over the sea, as if he hung in a boatswain's chair. At his left hand is the instrument board with which he prepares his bombs, selects them and launches them on their flight. Before him is the bombsight. Under him is one of the guns which enables this airplane to challenge a skyfull of fighters.

To reach the gun platform in the body of the ship it is necessary to make one's self thin flanked to sidle crab fashion between the bombs. Big fellows they are, as long as a man.

A heavy load?

This combat crew snorts and offers to double their number and fly them to Oahu.

Four men stand watch in the long body of the plane. The tail is wide open, and the gunner sits there all day, his interphone set clamped to his ears to defeat the pull of the wind. At open ports on the right and left the gunners keep alert. Above is the power turret. Cans of ammunition are stacked about in racks. These are big guns, and judged by aerial gunnery standards of the World War they are monstrous. It is easy to understand how in tearing through a man their missiles make a hole as big as your hat. You comprehend the thickness of the armor plate which lines the vitals of the ship.

Firing through the side ports is no Saturday afternoon skeet gun shoot. That many-miles-per-hour windstream does things with the protruding gun barrel. You pick out a bit of scud ahead of the ship and fire, squint, then try to hit it again before it flashes past. The leverage of the wind lifts you off the floor. The tracers ricochet and skip across the water. You feel satisfied to have been able to hit the sea at all.

The power turret is different. If the side port guns require the heft of a running guard to master them, the power turret calls for the deftness of a pool shark. You touch the keys, exert a little pressure, and the

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UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICER IS THE REAL SOURCE OF MORALE

To anyone at all familiar with the army at close range it is no secret that the true Morale Department is located in the office of the Unit Personnel section. It is the function of that activity to make provision for the pay of the men and all agree that pay is a vital factor in the make up of morale.

The great turnover of patients at Letterman each month—the admissions and dispositions—furnish employment for a large staff of civilian clerical workers under the guidance of a handful of non-commissioned officers and the Unit Personnel Officer of the command. A precious document to each enlisted man is his service record; he likes to have it always within reach of the clerk who is making out the payroll. Even in the most smoothly running machinery of our office a little abrasive in the form of a missing record will be spotted and that is when Captain George Ekman goes to work. A hound dog on the trail of 'possum is not more diligent than the captain in following up a missing service record and like the hound, he soon has the little folder at bay.

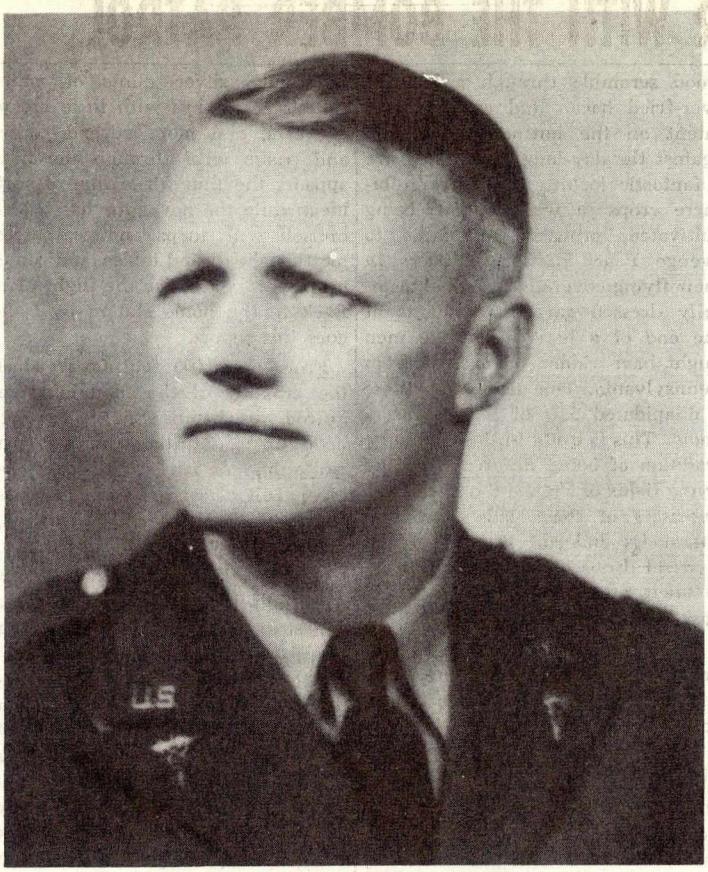
The captain recalls the days when his pay depended on having that service record close to hand and out of his experience he takes every measure to bring it about that patients are paid promptly. If a man is not paid when due the fault lies elsewhere and beyond the long reach of the Unit Personnel Officer of this command.

Captain George Arthur Ekman is a native of Chicago, which is in Illinois, where he attended the Darwin School and the North West Division High School. He enlisted in the Army in August 1910 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and remained there on duty with the Medical Detachment. His service continued to the days of World War I when he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps. After the war he was given an appointment as second lieutenant in the newly created Medical Administrative Corps and assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington. He resigned his commission in 1922 and re-enlisted the following year.

His subsequent service was at Walter Reed General Hospital, five years on recruiting service at headquarters of the Third Corps Area, a tour at Schofield Barracks, and then Fort Rosecrans in San Diego. In 1941 he was called to extended active duty under his reserve commission of Captain in the Medical Administrative Corps and ordered to duty at Letterman General Hospital as officer in charge of the Unit Personnel section.

Captain Ekman has the proud distinction of being the father of a captain serving with the modern Para troops—his son is Captain William E. Ekman, graduate of the Military Academy at West Point in the class of 1938.

Captain Ekman maintains that the good old days really were that and he hates to see the old customs die. He strongly believes that the ancient courtesy of paying calls on New Year's day should not be allowed to languish.



Captain GEORGE A. EKMAN
Medical Administrative Corps

Nobody Hurt—Much

A couple of automobiles collided on the highway near Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Two soldiers passed, observed the wreckage and continued on their way. Several blocks distant they were still discussing the mishap so intensely that they didn't notice an approaching officer. The officer saluted. The soldiers did not. Said the officer, sternly, "What's the matter—did you boys break your arms?" Said the soldiers, courtously, "Oh, no sir, we weren't in the accident."

Ware or no war, Private Charles F. Bogar of a San Francisco unit, wanted to get married. But Private couldn't arrange to leave his post and his bride couldn't arrange to leave her home in Hutchinson, Kansas. Under ordinary circumstances, a 2,000-mile separation would constitute and insurmountable obstacle in cases of this kind. But like we said, Private Bogar wanted to get married—but quickly! A long distance telephone hookup gave the solution, and with a minister at each end of the line, the two lovers vowed "I do!" Toll charges were $6.85.

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140th Anniversary Of Founding of West Point Aired

The 140th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy will be celebrated in a special broadcast arranged by the Association of Graduates over the Blue Network on Saturday, March 14, from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m., P.W.T. The program also will be short-waved overseas on March 15 by Station WRCA, New York, (15,150 kc. 19.8 m) at 1:15 p. m., E. W. T., and over KGEI, San Francisco (7250 kc) at 2:30 a. m., P.W.T.

The broadcast will include the following features:

a. Tribute to General Douglas MacArthur and to the late Captain Colin Kelly and the late Lieutenant Alexander Nininger.

b. Brief addresses by Major General Frank R. McCoy, U. S. A. (ret.), President of the Association of Graduates, and Major General Francis B. Wilby, Superintendent of the Academy.

c. Sketch of the life of Douglas MacArthur.

d. Cadet Prayer, read by its author, Colonel Clayton E. Wheat.

e. Music by the Cadet Choir and the U.S.M.A. Band.

Red Cross Assigns Field Directors To New Stations

Red Cross service to men in the armed forces was broadened and speeded up on the Pacific Coast last week when Red Cross field personnel were stationed at 18 small posts which had previously been served from nearby large posts.

The usual Red Cross services—investigation of furlough requests, transportation loans when furloughs or dependency discharges have been granted, aid to families, advice on home problems—will be expedited tremendously by the new field representatives.

Posts where the new personnel was placed on March 7 are Annette and Fort Ray, Alaska; Paine Field and Fort Lawton, Washington; Salt Lake air base, Utah; Pendleton air base, Oregon; Camp Siebert, Nevada; and Stockton field, Long Beach air corps ferrying command, Santa Ana air base, Merced air base, Lomoore, Gardner field, Camp McQuaide, Fort Baker, Fort Scott, Fort McDowell and Presidio of Monterey in California.

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EDITORIAL

LOOSE TONGUES

The San Francisco "Examiner" rates a citation for useful public service in the account, recently published in that paper, of what a reporter picked up in the way of news concerning military and defense activities by merely loafing around a few bar-rooms and the euphemistic equivalent, "cocktail lounges."

At this late date no one has to be convinced of the wisdom of keeping information from the enemy but most of us have yet to be convinced of the wisdom of keeping information to ourselves.

Posters prominently placed proclaim the danger imminent in loose tongues. The potential havoc and disaster lurking in idle remarks are vividly portrayed, and the old Chinese adage "One picture is worth a thousand words" seems to be confirmed. Excellent in the abstract.

That reporter from the "Examiner" gave it all to us in concrete form and brought it closer to home. It required no effort to recall conversation within our own hearing just along the lines he quoted. There may have been even a guilty recollection that we had once or twice mentioned the sailing of a transport or the embarkation of a particular organization. It gave us a temporary feeling of importance to our audience; we knew something they did not know—and we had to tell.

Loose tongues, loose morals, loose nuts and bolts, even a loose shoelace—all are detrimental.

Let's tighten up!

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

MARCH 15:

1916—Punitive expedition organized by General Frederick Funston and commanded by Brigadier General John J. Pershing with 6,000 troops crossed the border into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa.

1919—The American Legion is informally organized at a meeting in Paris.

MARCH 16:

1802—Congress establishes the Military Academy at West Point.

1892—The American Transport Liner, "Missouri," sailed from New York carrying American gifts of 5½ million pounds of flour and meal to the starving Russians.

MARCH 17:

1924—United States Army Service of 4 airplanes starts a successful flight around the world, from Santa Monica, Calif., proceeding to Seattle, official starting point.

MARCH 18:

1933—Master Sergeant Ralph W. Bottriell, 68th Service Squadron, Kelly Field, Texas, presented the Distinguished Flying Cross, for having made the first test parachute jump from an Army airplane with the "free type parachute," in May, 1919.

MARCH 19:

1824—General William H. Ashley, Jedediah Smith, and Fitzpatrick of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company ascend the platte to the Sweetwater and discover the South Pass to Oregon. Some of Robert Stuart's party going east from Astoria said to have used this pass in November, 1812.

MARCH 20:

1776—Washington entered Boston upon the evacuation of the British. Despite hardships of almost every nature, this first venture of the Revolution was such a miraculous success that the Congress voted a medal to the Commander-in-chief. It also gave thanks to God.

MARCH 21:

1886—Chief Geronimo, leader of a band of Indian "hostiles," surrenders to Lieutenant M. P. Maus.

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Four names were added to the morning report during the past week to account for that number of additions to roster of Reserve Nurses on our staff—and all of them are very welcome.

Miss **Margaret Caulkins** is a native of Ceres, California, and she attended high school in her native village before moving north to the Modesto Junior College. Her professional training was taken at the Highland Hospital in Oakland, and after graduation she was on the staff of Stanford Hospital in San Francisco.

Miss **Jean Kirkman** was born in Seattle but moved in infancy to Oakland where she was student at Roosevelt High School before entering the Highland Hospital School of Nursing. She was on the staff at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco before reporting for active duty here. Yes, Miss Caulkins and Miss Kirkman were classmates and room mates in training.

Miss **Lena Micca** was born in San Francisco and went to high school in Cupertino. She is a graduate in nursing from the Santa Clara County General Hospital and had affiliation at San Jose State College during her training course. Later she served on the staff of the Santa Clara County Hospital.

Miss **Lucile Baker** was born in Deming, New Mexico, and attended the Deming High School. For her course in nursing she went to Hotel Dieu at El Paso, Texas. After graduation she was on the staff of the Irene Byron Sanitarium in Fort Wayne, and the Marion General Hospital, both in the state of Indiana. Prior to reporting for duty here she was on the staff of Children't Hospital in San Francisco.

In the Camp Barkeley News we read that **Louise Fitzgerald** has been given another Chief Nurse as her assistant, and to our former surgical specialist we say "The eyes of California are on you" too.

The wanderers have returned from the jaunts to El Paso and Springfield and the process of comparing notes is now going on. Hope they get things straight because there will be others over that same trail and the stories ought to jibe.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Miss **Elizabeth Creasy** who was called to her home in Fort Hall, Idaho, by the death of her mother.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 15, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, March 20.
7:30 p. m. Benediction and Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

Caroline Cleveland Milligan

Miss Caroline C. Milligan, Chief Nurse, United States Army, retired, died at Letterman Hospital on Sunday, March 8. She had entered the hospital on the day previous to her death but she was in failing health for a long period.

Miss Milligan was born in New York City on June 15, 1883, and trained at the Newark City Hospital, Newark, N. J. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in 1913 and became a Chief Nurse in 1922. Her service included duty in France during World War I, 12 years in the office of the Surgeon General in Washington, a tour of duty as Chief Nurse with the American Forces in China, at Tientsin, and four years as Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital.

On retiring from active duty in December, 1939, Miss Milligan made her home in San Francisco and retained her interest in the patients and personnel of Letterman Hospital.

Funeral services were held in the parlors of Julius Godeau in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 10, with Chaplain Harry A. Shuder officiating and a large number of officers and nurses present to pay the last tribute of affection to a departed comrade. Interment took place at Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Milligan is survived by three sisters and two brothers and the deep sympathy of this command is extended to them in the loss sustained by the passing of a beloved sister.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WORTHINGTON J. GARNER
Private, Medical Detachment

Pvt. Worthington J. Garner is the second generation of his family to answer his country's call in time of need—his mother was active as a nurse during the last war, and his aunt served as head nurse of the women's ward in Letterman at the same time, so when it came time for Garner to enter the Army, tradition demanded that he enter the medical corps.

For that reason, and because "it's a fine place," Pvt. Garner, currently wardman in S-1, is very happy about being at Letterman.

Although he was born in Astoria, Oregon, in 1916, the Garner family moved to Glendale, California, shortly after, where our Buck of the Week graduated from all schools the city had to offer, including Glendale Junior College. He also had a year at the University of Oregon, but finds California a better place, and so expects to continue his education here someday. Garner was employed in a large department store during his schooldays from his last two years in high school up, and paid for every cent of his education—a fine example of his integrity and conscientious attitude that is so evident in all his work at Letterman.

Garner was inducted in August of 1941 at Glendale and received his medical training at Camp Grant, Illinois. "Although my medical training is an advantage in my work," he says, "practical experience is certainly a more valuable asset."

Among his best liked activities, Garner lists swimming and basketball as tops.

MORE—NOT LESS—MILITARY POLICE REVEALED FOR U. S. ARMY

Plans for expansion and further training of the newly organized Corps of Military Police, charged with the fulfillment of numerous functions both with the Field Forces of the Army and at home, in the Zone of the Interior, were announced today by the War Department.

In addition to its normal duties of traffic control and police work, the Corps of Military Police, operating under the supervision of The Provost Marshal General, Major General Allen W. Gullion, will form Prisoner and War Escort companies, Corps Area Service Command companies, special companies for the detention and care of Enemy Aliens, and a large number of Military Police Battalions for the Zone of the Interior.

It is estimated that 51 new battalions will be needed for the Zone of the Interior alone. These battalions will be placed at the disposal of Corps Area commanders, who are responsible for their use in emergencies such as fires, floods, strikes, riots, and for guarding vital defense plants or installations against sabotage.

Officers for these battalions will be drawn from the Regular Army, from the Officers Reserve Corps, and from among World War officers who qualify on the score of physical condition and previous experience.

Enlisted men will be obtained through the regular channels of Selective Service, and from the ranks of the Army. All members of the battalions are regularly uniformed troops. They are as much liable to overseas service as the troops of any other branch of the Army. They have no connection with the State guards which were organized following the induction of the National Guard into the Federal Service.

Each battalion assigned to the Zone of the Interior will be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel, and will operate directly under the Commander of the Corps Area in which it is assigned. The Provost Marshal General, however, exercises the same sort of supervisory command over all branches of the Corps as the Chief of Infantry, for example, exercises over all Infantry regiments.

Military Police on duty with the Field Forces will handle vital traffic control and road information, collection of stragglers in combat, collection, custody and disposal of prisoners of war in the theater of operations, communication of civilians in the theater of operations, protection of military property and critical points in lines of communication, crime prevention and investigation, enforcement of laws and regulations, protection of troops and civilian population against crimes and excesses, and will generally supervise military and civilian personnel subject to military control.

Prisoner of War Escort companies and the companies assigned to guard Enemy Aliens are now in the process of formation, it was stated. Their duties will be to operate prisoner of war and Enemy Aliens' camps and enclosures.

Corps Area Service Command Military Police are assigned to Army posts, camps and stations and are concerned with the conduct of military personnel on and off the reservation, traffic control on the reservation, protection of property and the control of civilians entering and visiting reservations, and the operation of the post guardhouse or stockade. They are also trained in prevention of crime, and work in close operation with civil authorities to this end.

BOOKS TO READ

The following is a list of books suggested by the Librarian, for the convenience of those interested in reading about San Francisco and California, particularly for patients desiring to know where to go and what to see in and around the city when they are able to be granted leaves.

1. California, an intimate guide, by Aubrey Drury: Printed 1940 with 52 illustrations.

2. San Francisco, A Pageant, by Charles Caldwell Dobie. One finds a brief account of the first authentic building in San Francisco. The birth of the first white child. Very enlightening as well as enjoyable.

3. The Fantastic City, by Amelia Ransome Neville, 1932 Memoirs of the Social and Romantic life of old San Francisco. Illustrations and photographs.

4. The city of Domes, by John D. Barry, 1915.

5. San Francisco and Bay region, three volumes. Edited by Millard: Historic and Biographical Illustrations.

6. San Francisco, by Purdy: although published in 1912 is of unusual interest and contains more than 300 photographic illustrations, maps and charts.



VERA S. LOGAN
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) ANC, has assumed charge of the nursing staff at the station hospital at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

DRAB AFFAIR

From the Post newspaper at Camp Grant, Illinois, we quote this description of a recent Army wedding: "The groom, buck private scion of a well-known Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, family chose the season's popular olive drab blouse and trousers of wool serge, with harmonizing sun tan shirt for his wedding.

"Setting off the straight lines of the blouse was a single row of bright brass buttons down the front, with matching individual buttons on each pocket and on each shoulder.

"His trousers were straight-cut without cuffs. Cotton sox of olive drab, with harmonizing brown shoes and a contrasting black woolen serge tie completed his ensemble. In his left hip pocket he carried a white linen handkerchief."

Following a breakfast at a downtown hotel the couple left on a short wedding trip, and the Camp Grant reporter was on hand to observe:

"For going away the groom chose a heavy woolen coat of olive drab, with brass buttons on the front and shoulders. A dressy traveling hat of garrison design in olive drab, with harmonizing brown leather brim and chin strap, and a pair of knit woolen gloves of olive drab were his only accessories."

Oh yes, the camp paper also reported,—"The bride wore blue."

Serve in Silence

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Major George C. Shivers, instructor of the surgical school, returned the latter part of this week from detached service. Major Shivers went to Fitzsimons General hospital, Denver, Colorado.

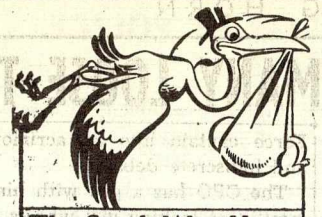
An unusual and very embarassing incident happened the other night to that quiet supply clerk of the schools. It was when Privates Owen C. Campbell, Robert J. Ransom, and Allen E. Greendale attended the Curran theatre. Campbell, the clerk, purchased the tickets and handed them to a uniformed man who was standing near the entrance. Boy, was his face red when he learned that he had given them to a high-ranking naval officer!

Staff Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske, of the surgical school, and Sergeant Clovis L. Walker, of the medical school, went on detached service, a few days ago to Springfield, Missouri.

Eight more tudents were enrolled in the schools late this week .All of them are from Fort Baker, California and have started classes already.

Your informant has found something on another bachelor of the schools. It is none other than Wilber "Huff" Selvey, a fellow who is known for his shrewdness in getting out of ticklish situations. Well, he sure has a problem on his hands now. He has gotten himself pretty thick with a well-known girl, and it seems he can not take her out unless her little brothers (which by the way are three) go with them!! Some predicament, huh? Let's see you get out of this "Huff."

There is a lot of talk about wildcats in the vicinity of Camp Callan, California. So when Corporals Ben Dennison and Dick Schweidler heard their sergeant, James Harrington, scream in anguish, they had but a single thought. The sergeant had been attacked by one of the critters. The faithful corporals stumbled through the darkness and lost no time rescuing their pal. But the wildcat got away. Or it could have been, the sergeant simply fell down on a cactus. As a matter of fact—he did.



The Stork Was Here

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Steven Rivers, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Peggy Mayes, weight, eight pounds, one and one half ounces, born on March 5, 1942.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Irvin Schier (Sgt. Schier is now on Foreign Service) a boy, Michael Irvin, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces, born March 4, 1942.

To PFC and Mrs. Orland George Holden, Yerba Buena Island, California, a son, Orland George Jr., weight, seven pounds, one ounce, born March 10, 1942.

ALIENS ADVISED TO AWAIT ORDERS

Cracking down on unfounded rumors and so-called "official statements" regarding Pacific Coast evacuation, Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, declared Sunday that decisions as to who would be excluded, from where, and when are military decisions which must be based on military necessity.

"Military necessity," said General DeWitt, "is the sole yardstick by which the Army has seelcted the military areas from which the exclusion of certain groups will be required. Public clamor for evacuation from non-strategic areas and the insistence of local organizations and officials that evacuees not be moved into their communities cannot and will not be heeded, for considerations of national security must come first. No one has been authorized to speak for me in connection with my authority under the Executive Order, and all statements and predictions coming from other sources should be disregarded."

The General declared that for two weeks the staff of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army has been engaged in making final studies to determine the areas to be delimited and the nature of the restrictions to be applied. A proclamation setting forth these areas and describing their boundaries will be released shortly.

In commenting upon the various aspects of evacuation, General DeWitt said, "The appropriate agencies of the Federal Government are engaged in far-reaching preparations to deal with the problem and a study is in progress by these agencies regarding the protection of property, the resettlement and relocation of those who are affected. The completed preparations will include measures designed to safeguard as far as possible property and property rights, to avoid the depressing effect of forced saes. and generally to minimize resulting economic dislocations. As soon as these studies are concluded, definite designation of persons to be affected will be made."

TEST BLACKOUTS TO BE TABOO

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today reiterated his statement that there will be no test blackouts in the Western Theater of Operations.

General DeWitt repeated the statemen he made publicly December 9, 1941, when communictaions received at his headquarters indicated existing confusion concerning the policy of the Western Defense Command regarding test blackouts.

"It is not advisable under existing circumstances," he said, "to permit practice or test blackouts in any community throughout the Western Theater of Operations, and it is desired that none be permitted."

The Western Theater of Operations includes the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.

Three On a Match

They tell this story at the Presidio about an old superstition. Three tentmates lit three cigarettes on a single match. While they were puffing on their fags, unmindful of superstitions, smoke from a stove in the tent clouded the air. Soldier No. 1 climbed up to remove an obstruction from the chimney. He needed a tool to dislodge it. The only thing his buddies could find was a pop bottle. Helpfully, Soldier No. 2 threw the bottle to Soldier No. 1. But as he was tossing it, No. 2 twisted his ankle, and the bottle hit No. 1 in the face. Soldier No. 3 dashed out after a towel and ended up by mashing his fingers in a locker door.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to James W. Hambleton, appointed Private First Class, March 9.

Privates Francis E. McDonald and Norman E. Stoeckl will leave March 28 for training in the Air Corps. Success to you both.

We wish to congratulate Private and Mrs. William H. Schlichter on the birth of a daughter, Carol Beverly, weight six pounds thirteen ounces, born March 8.

The most unconcerned person during a recent appendectomy was the patient . . . . Sergeant Jasper C. Martin. At a late hour one day last week Sgt. Martin underwent an emergency operation. Bright and early the next morning Miss Anne Nutini called on Sg. Martin expecting to see a sick patient. Martin, however, bright and chipper as you please looked as though he had just completed a two weeks rest cure instead of just beginning one.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sergeant Rue B. Masterson bemoaning the fact that his girl "back home" is inconsistent. "Four letters a month, and all during the first week of each month. I'd better hie myself home and see what's happening in the Wilds of Arkansas," said Sgt. Masterson.

That Sgt. Thomas R. Bell and Privates Vachel E. Barton and Edward A. Arnaiz learning that they only have one-third as much fun turning Corporal Rosco J. Willey out of his bed in the middle of the night as Corp. Willey has turning them out of their beds.—Hostalities have ceased!!!

Members of the detachment anticipating the tennis tournament with a great deal of practice.

Sgt. George Edwards feeling pert after his recent tonsillectomy and challenging Sgt. Rue Masterson to three sets of tennis—and getting beaten.


MAKE EVERY PAY DAY BOND DAY
JOIN THE PAY-ROLL ★ SAVINGS PLAN ★

EXAMINER REPORTER FINDS TOO MANY LOOSE TONGUES IN TOWN

Every bar in San Francisco is plastered with signs warning service men and civilians alike against loose talk which might give information to the enemy. Proprietors are doing their part to stop the avalanche of information that might pour into enemy ears.

Yet civilians, soldiers and sailors are talking not only in bars but in restaurants, in street cars—every where, and perhaps if your son or brother or your own life is lost when a transport is sunk—it MIGHT be because YOU talked.

To determine just how much attention people are paying to warnings, the Examiner during the past few days sent a reporter into some places—with astonishing results. Here are samples of military information he obtained: (Factual details, of course, are withheld here.)

Picture a cozy little saloon in a district where the alien population is thick. The place has soft lights, soft music, soft bar stools and a better than average clientele, some of whom seem to spend most of their time there.

Two privates and a sergeant come in. They have been stationed here long enough to know the management and some of the customers. The boys order beers and one of them remarks that "it won't be long now." One of the civilians asks if they are being shipped out soon and they reply that they are.

This starts the conversation. Two more civilians, older men, join the talk. Out of it comes the disclosure of what outfit the three soldiers are with, where they are from, where they trained, what their training emphasized and the type of equipment they have.

They claim to know where they will be sent because they have heard from a buddy whose outfit formerly was with theirs and was supposed to have preceded theirs to a certain area. The discussion brings out the size of the purported troop movements.

From the combined statements, if true, an enemy agent could make a shrewd guess at the strength American forces will have in a particular zone of operations in the near future and whether this strength portends offensive or defensive action. The disclosures about equipment and type of training are particularly eloquent.

It is noticeable, too, that nobody interrupts these soldiers when they are talking. Perhaps it is just courtesy.

Here is a downtown bar which has a steady patronage of sailors. One of them barges in and announces he has a monumental thirst, because, he explains, he has been at sea for a certain number of days aboard a warcraft doing convoy duty.

He has just made port, he confides, and has only a certain number of days to do his drinking before he goes to sea again with another convoy. There are three men and two women in the bar. One of the latter buys him a drink and they all listen attentively.

The sailor is full of his subject. He has a vast contempt for the merchant marine and by way of illustration he describes how one ship in his last convoy got lost twice. His description of the chores of the escorting craft reveal, by way of incident detail, how many ships usually make up a convoy, the convoy formation, its rate of travel and what it is supposed to carry.

A question as to whether he has seen any fighting brings descriptions of two engagements with enemy craft, where these occurred and the results.

Any and all of his information, if true, would be of vital importance to the Japs.

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Later in the same bar an Air Force sergeant enters. Two of the men and one of the women who listened to the sailor are still present. One of the men jokingly asks the soldier how a Jap submarine can leisurely shell an oil depot for twenty-five minutes (as recently occurred on this coast) and not be blown out of the water by Army bombers.

This starts an argument, in the course of which the sergeant, in defense of his branch of the service, heatedly blames the situation on an alleged bottleneck in the warning system. To make his point and place the responsibility where he believes it belongs, he gives precise details.

It is all very illuminating and no doubt would be gratefully received by Tokio.

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Information about the protection of this coast from enemy sea and air raiders is further developed in a third place when a chief radio operator in the Navy makes some statements that draw an Army Air Force captain into an acrimonious and indiscrete debate.

The CPO has a girl with him, an intelligent looking girl who is a little drunk. She knows another couple, civilians, who are in the place, a residential district cocktail lounge. This couple joins the party and there are two more civilians and two bartenders who tune in on the argument.

Directly in front of the group, incidentally, is one of those poster caricatures of Hitler with a large, funnel-shaped ear.

It is a remark about the same coastal shelling incident which touches off the discussion. The Navy man is very bitter about the way Navy information is co-ordinated by land forces and blames this factor for certain developments, or lack of them.

At this point the captain joins the argument and after comparing notes on a number of specific instances, they both agree as to where the fault lies and draw some pointed comparisons between the situation here and the one that obtained at Pearl Harbor prior to December 7.

With cordial relations established, one remark leads to another and there are additional disclosures about Air Force training and the disposition of its personnel and equipment.

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This same general subject—protection of the coast from sea and air attacks—is rounded out by chance, but quite nicely, when an Air Force enlisted man and a naval aviation enlisted man discover that their girl friends are acquaintances.

This is in another residential district bar, which is crowded at the time. At both ends of the place there are those big, red, white, and blue "Serve in Silence" signs, but Army and Navymen, with civilians jammed around them and obviously listening, plunge into a detailed discussion of the air patrol system.

If accurate, these details could easily be correlated by the enemy for use in making sneak raids on coastal points and coastwise shipping.

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Navy men are clannish and there is a downtown saloon which a group of them patronize regularly and which is patronized also by some civilians who make a practice of buying drinks for the service boys.

This place, in a period of two hours, is cery productive of information. Two radio "strikers" become the center of an animated group and disclose facts about their training, including the use of ciphers, the transfer of a large part of their personnel to a certain naval branch, a change of the armament this branch uses, including the caliber of the weapons and the type of ammunition.

This party is joined by a radioman, first class, who has just arrived in on a transport. He answers questions, some of them from civilians, about where and when he is going to sea again, where his ship is loading, what its cargo is and what armament it carries.

It develops he was on a battleship at Pearl Harbor and in a discussion of that he reveals the present whereabouts of three capital ships and what is being done with them.

Shortly after these men have departed two more sailors—a radioman, first class, and machinist's mate, first class,—drop in. Some of the same civilians are there, augmented by three girls, with whom the Navy men get friendly.

The radioman was at Pearl Harbor, he says, and he thrills his interested audience with a vivid picture of that attack. Not to be outdone, the machinist's mate, also a Pearl Harbor veteran, gives his account of the epic battle. Between the two of them they achieve a pretty complete inventory of the damage done, damage which the Navy Department has been at great pains to conceal.

The radioman talks fluently, also, about the Navy's sound detection instrument and system which is so secret that even its name designation has been changed but he tells that, too. The machinist's mate follows up with information on another strictly taboo subject, changes in anti-aircraft weapons on big ships.

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A final bit of research is performed in a neighborhood cocktail lounge, another of those cozy places with soft lights and an "entre nous" atmosphere. The place has a large clientele of women, a number of whom spend hours there every afternoon and evening, and thus is a favorite with service men.

Here a coast artillery captain with a girl at each elbow gives a work-

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A DAY IN THE AIR

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whole contrivance swings, dips, rises as by magic.

From this same field flies a different type of patrol, the coastal sweep, in ships which already have won battle honors with the British as the Hudson Bomber. While their two engines limit their size, the Luftwaffe has learned they pack a punch in a slugging match.

This coastal sweep begins at that same desolate hour before daybreak, vaults over the same mountains, to take up the march off shore. The mountains are hardly out of sight, which has a certain comfort when the crew chief passes out the life vests and is insistent about seeing them tied on.

Ships on the coastal sweep resemble police radio cars covering their beats. This one takes up patrol opposite a jutting headland, infamous for the number of vessels which have come to grief because the captain thought he could cut it too closely. The Hudson carries on out to sea, turns parallel to the vanishing purple line of mountains.

The co-pilot's seat provides a limitless view. It seems nothing can escape your sight. Suddenly one wing pokes up in the sky and the Hudson comes around in a curve. Something caused the pilot to alter course. In a little while a dot appears in the haze. It takes form rapidly. Soon the plane skims alongside a rusty and lethargic tramp, bumping up and down, up and down, through the swell. Comes the military business of passing the time of day. The navigator-bombardier sticks his head up from his den, his report form in his hand.

"Yeah," agrees the pilot, "and he had a 5-inch gun aft, too. Put that in."

The news flies off to the home station by radio.

This pilot has been flying Army planes nearly five years. He covers the beat every day. He does it leisuerly and easily, with a pipe in his mouth. You determine not to be so stupid next time, to spot the vessel as soon as he does. But it doesn't work. As the airplane works its way closer to shore, fishing boats, minesweepers and occasional tankers materialize. It is warm and pleasant, especially on the southern leg of the beat with the sun so comforting. You give up trying to outsee the pilot. In fact, a little nap is refreshing.

Another plane comes out to take over the beat. The Hudson turns inland, over the mountains.

The sun is slanting as the plane lands. A softball game is going on. A huge tank truck and trailer roll up to replenish the bomber's innards.

Pilot and navigator repair to the operations tent. Their reports are tabulated, encoded, and dispatched. With many others they pass across the desk of the air commander of the west.

This day's job is done. It is "Mission Accomplished."

ONE SMILE — CPL. 'MIKE' MIKOS



"One steel helmet—cleaned and blocked."



MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

March 15:

VANISHING VIRGINIAN—Frank Morgan and Katherine Grayson. Also Short Subjects.

March 17:

OUR WIFE—Ruth Hussey, Ellen Drew and Melvyn Douglas. Also Short Subjects.

March 18:

STRANGE CARGO—Clark Gable and Joan Crawford. Also Short Subjects.

March 19:

YANK IN THE R. A. F.—Tyrone Power and Betty Grable. Also Short Subjects.

March 20:

ALL THAT MONEY CAN BUY—Edward Arnold and Ann Shirley. Also Short Subjects.

March 21:

YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH—Rita Hayworth and Fred Astaire. Also Short Subjects.

Serve in Silence

EXAMINER REPORTER

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manlike description of aircraft detection devices and how they are synchronized with searchlights and anti-aircraft batteries.

A little later two noncoms on the office staff at an Army airfield discuss with two civilians the amount of training pursuit pilots get before they are assigned to combat duty, and where.

Just to make the indiscretion unanimous, a subforeman at an arsenal and a patternmaker at an aircraft factory—both civilians—discover each other and compare notes in the hearing of several men and women.

The arsenal man discusses recent shipments of munitions and their destination. From the aircraft man comes a technically detailed account of new motors now in the experimental stage and of his own work in designing fuselages to fit these motors, all of which is supposed to be very hush-hush.

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And all of which was obtained for an investment of a few drinks and a few careless questions. It should be easy pickings for an enemy agent.

A large amount of duck, and not the kind that quacks, is required for America's growing Army. Known to the layman as canvas, duck finds its way into numerous different items of equipment to the extent of hundreds of thousands of yards. One of the biggest uses of duck is for tentage and other heavy demands are for items like leggings, hats, belts, and caps. Other "musts" in the soldier's duck equipment are basins, buckets, carriers, cases, covers, haversacks, pockets, slings and suspenders.

MUCH COOPERATION

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military areas has not as yet been ordered and that none will be ordered except by proclamation. The Army advised, however, that aliens removing now from strategic areas would probably gain advantages through being pioneers in new resettlement districts and stated that there are no plans which will require the mass movement of law-abiding persons on a moment's notice. The groups concerned were cautioned to avoid unnecessary sacrifice of real estate, crops, and other property.

THE FOG HORN

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Offensive Urged as Program for Immediate Action

"The time has now come when we must proceed with carrying the war to the enemy," Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, said today. He expressed the view that it would be fatal to the success of our war effort to permit the greater part of our armed forces and our valuable material to be immobilized by being used solely for defense purposes within the continental United States.

In an industrial area such as the Pacific Coast there are literally thousands of key installations, such as industrial plants, bridges, railroads, and dams, the statement of General DeWitt continued. The loss of any one of them would have a delaying effect on the armament program. However, adequately to protect them all would not only tend to immobilize the Army, but would also seriously restrict combat training. In the circumstances, Army protection must be limited to the most vital installations. What these are should be left to the judgment of the responsible military commander. He will be forced to take risks, but they will be taken because his judgment dictates that they are necessary to the accomplishment of his general mission.

The mission of the commander of the Western Theater of Operations is the defense of the Pacific coastal area from hostile attack, including the protection of such military and civilian installations as are vital to the protection of such military and civilian installations as are vital to the success of our war effort. Re-

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Major WILLIAM WEAVER NICHOL, M. C. Former Executive Officer, Surgical Service, Chief of the Obstetrical Section, and Chief of Anesthesia and Operating Section, for more than a year, is now comparing notes with other ex-LGH celebrities at Camp Grant in Illinois.

INCREASED RANK FOR MRS. FLIKKE

In the long list of promotions recently announced by the War Department at Washington is one that will meet with the approval of the Medical Department personnel wherever serving.

Mrs. Julia O. Flikke, who is Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps with the assimilated rank of Major, has been elevated to rank as Colonel, and her executive assistant, Miss Florence Blanchfield, up to now a Captain, has been upped to Lieutenant Colonel.

The promotion of these efficient administrators of the numerous details incidental to the supervision of the Army Nurse Corps is an indication that the War Department and the Surgeon General are aware of the important part played by the nurses in the program for an all out war.

New Proclamation Issued by Western Defense Command

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today issued Public Proclamation No. 2, which designates the states of Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah as Military Areas Numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, and establishes 934 new prohibited zones within the eight western states.

"The present situation requires, as a matter of military necessity," the Proclamation said, "the establishment in the territory embraced by the Western Defense Command, of military areas and zones in addition to those established in Public Proclamation No. 1, this headquarters, dated March 2, 1942."

The previous proclamation designated Military Areas No. 1 and No. 2 comprising the states of Washington, Oregon, California, and Arizona. The new proclamation makes no reference as to nationalities of persons to be evacuated but merely states that "such persons or classes of persons as the situation may require will by subsequent proclamation be excluded from Zones A-100 to A-1033 inclusive." It further explains that the designation of the new military areas does not contemplate any prohibition, regulation or restriction except with respect to the 934 zones and except with respect to change of residence and travel. With respect to these subjects, the Proclamation states that "any Japanese, German or Italian alien, or any person of Japanese ancestry now resident in the states of the Western Defense Command, namely, Washington, Oregon, Cali-

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RECEIVING OFFICE KEY THROWN AWAY MANY YEARS AGO

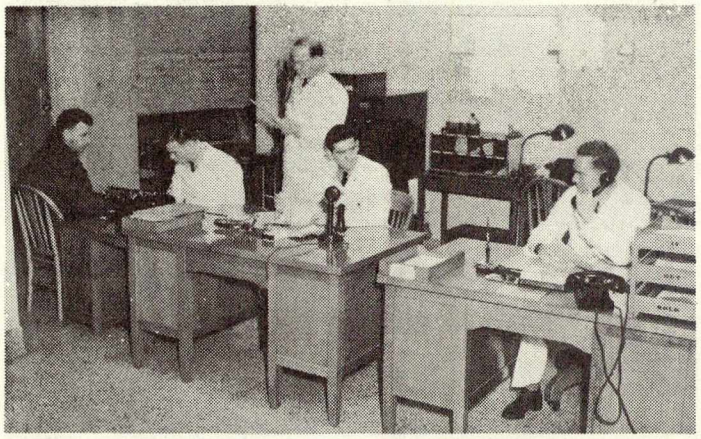
Everyone knows there are hundreds of patients at Letterman, and everyone knows that hundreds enter the hospital and leave each week—but not many realize the amount of work connected with receiving and registering these patients—assigning entering patients to the proper wards for their ills and injuries—keeping records of their presence and exact location—recording official leaves, furloughs and whereabouts of each patient in care of the hospital.

Such is the duty of the Receiving and Disposition office, open twenty four hours a day, three hundred and sixty five days a year in the second wing south of the administration building where full-force staffs relieve each other in a perpetual duty, for accidents and illnesses cannot be regulated by the clock, and when a soldier's life may depend on the time it takes to get him to the proper place for treatment, the Receiving office must be ready to act quickly and efficiently.

Every patient entering the hospital must be first registered, examined and his case diagnosed, for it is important that contagious diseases remain isolated, that surgical cases get to the surgery quickly, and in cases of bleeding or severe lacerations, first aid must be rendered. For these services, and to maintain a smoothly functioning unit, a doctor is on hand at all times prepared for any emergency. Captain Wilmer Starr, MC, is assigned as Receiving officer under Colonel McMillan, who holds top control over Receiving and Disposition. Captain Starr examines all patients coming in between the hours of nine a. m. and five p. m. daily, busiest hours of the day when patients from outlying units are sent for treatment—he must make complete examination, and in minor injuries, treat and dress the wound and either discharge the man back to his unit or advise hospitalization. If the injury is severe, he must render first aid, comfort the patient, stop bleeding and take all immediately necessary steps for the welfare of the injured and assign him to the ward dealing in his particular ailment. All the information obtained on examination must be recorded and sent to the ward assigned. Because of the number of patients entering daily, a large staff must be on hand to record physical condition, diagnosis and origin, as well as the patient's status, serial number, organization and all identifying data.



Captain WILMER STARR, M. C.
Officer in charge of the Receiving Office pauses at work in his office long enough to look at the camera.



DESKS OF Non-commissioned Supervisors of Activities in Receiving Office. From left to right are: Pvt. 1st Cl. Leonard Bell completing data on patients, Pvt. Clifton Brewick, standing; Sgt. Patrick Kiernan, chief of the day shift; and Staff Sergeant Rue B. Masterson, NCO in charge.

Staff Sergeant Rue B. Masterson, assisted by Sergeant Earnest P. Kiernan is non-commissioned officer in charge of receiving, and must see that all records are kept straight, and that all details are attended to in each case. Clerks working on the day shift under Sgt. Masterson are Pvt. first class Leonard Bell, and Pvts. Clifton Brewick, Paul Otten, Alan Larson, Doyle Simons and Edward Hee. For assistance in the emergency room, Captain Starr has PFC Norman Wallace and Pvt. Norman Gray, who dress wounds, maintain cleanliness of equipment, assist in examining patients and take care of detachment members and civilian employes reporting on sick call. In addition to the regular staff in the receiving office, three students from the Special Service Schools are present to help and to learn technique of Receiving and Disposition procedure. (Ambulance service is available through the office of Captain Starr, who dispatches all ambulances for emergencies and transfer of patients. Six metropolitan type cars are maintained and at least one is on duty at all times, ready to leave on a second's notice—the remaining ambulances are on call and available for service at all times.)

It is this staff that takes care of the patient from the time of his arrival until he enters a ward under care of an officer. They must be sure that records concerning the patient are complete, that all his baggage and effects are deposited for safe keeping, that all his valuable are checked in by the custodian of funds, that he has changed into patients uniform and that he is safely taken to the receiving wardmaster or ward officer. These clerks must prepare duplicate medical records of each patient—one for their own file, and one for the ward officer who will treat the patient.

The matter of keeping records is an important one, and it is the duty of PFC Bell to keep them up to date and in good order. An active file is kept on each patient for two months, and must be available at all times during that period. Either Sgt. Masterson or Sgt. Kiernan is an immediate supervisor of this department at all times during the day, and must keep up to the minute on every detail coming through the office—transfer of patients from one ward to another, sick leaves, furloughs, etc. Each ward is represented on their charts, with the number of beds occupied, and the number of beds available for occupancy by incoming patients. The maintenance of these records is imperative, for from these charts it is determined just what ward may handle the incoming patients most efficiently and which ward has room for them. This prevents overcrowding one ward while another ward may be entirely empty.

As these functions must be carried out twenty-four hours a day, two night shifts are maintained—the second relief from three o'clock in the afternoon until eleven p. m., and the third relief from eleven p. m. until seven oclock in the morning. Sergeant Earle E. Libby is non-commissioned officer in charge of the second relief, with a staff of Corporal Arlie B. Glassner, Pvt. First Class George R. Sistek, and Pvts. Jack S. Hagenbaugh and Joseph H. Goheen. PFC Jerold M. Gorby re-

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LETTERMAN HOSPITAL RECEIVING OFFICE NEVER CLOSES

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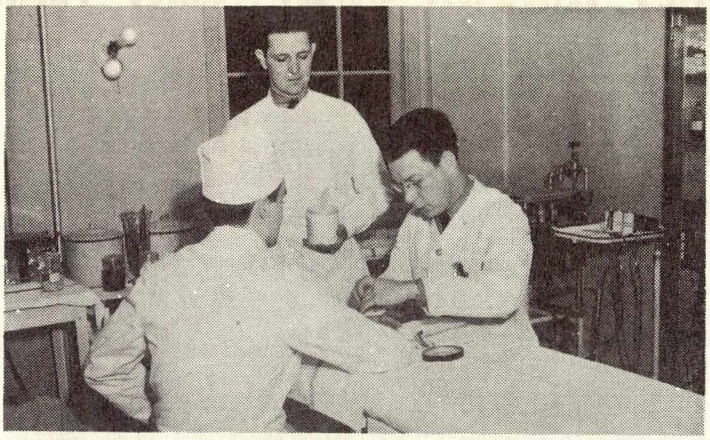
lieves Wallace and Gray in the emergency room.

No officer is permanently assigned for duty after five o'clock in the Receiving office, but still an officer must be in attendance—this is the duty of the Professional Officer of the Day, who is on call at all times of the night for emergency cases. In administrative duties, the Administrative Officer of the Day takes over until Captain Starr returns the following morning. The change of officers leaves the office covered every minute of the day.

The third relief, which takes over at 11 o'clock is composed of Sergeant Archie R. Burnett, Corporal Salyer E. Reed and Pvt. Anthony Domingus. This force must compile the statistics and operations of the day and make a report in the form of the Admission and Departure sheet, showing all entries into the hospital, births and departures, stating name, status, religion, time entered, organization, and all facts pertinent to identification of the patient. All sick leaves, transfers, furloughs and departures must be stated, as well as the guard report for the previous day—including detachment members movements, changes in rank, etc. All information must be accurate, for it is necessary that every new or departing patient be accounted for, and if he is not in the hospital, but in the hospital's charge, his name appears as being on leave, either officially or unofficially.

A number of routine chores are given to this office—such as notifying the registrar and chaplain of patients who are seriously ill and in case of death. When death occurs after administration office hours, it is the receiving office who notifies the adjutant general in Washington, and the various offices about the hospital, so that personnel records can be adjusted and the patients property disposed of.

When large numbers of patients are transferred to the hospital in one group, special procedure is used in registering, examining and recording their entrance to prevent bottlenecks and wasted time. Each man of the staff is on call 24 hours a day, and many times every clerk and officer has had to give up his own time to assist in receiving large groups arriving in the middle of the night or early morning. Hundreds of records must be prepared in a very short time in such cases, and the full staff of each shift is utilized in operating the battery of typewriters in the office—extreme care must be taken in handling records of groups of patients, and each man takes pride in his part of the job of seeing that recording is done accurately and efficiently—they realize that getting patients into the hospital by correct procedure is just as important as treating them after they have been admitted. And they are well holding up their part of the job.



EMERGENCY DRESSING ROOM in Receiving Office. Pvt. Francis Lake getting emergency attention from Pvt. 1st Cl. Normal Wallace while Pvt. 1st Cl. Gerold Gorby supervises the job.



REGISTRATION DESK in the Receiving Office. View showing four of the six registration desks where incoming patients supply necessary personal data for the records. In action, reading from left to right, are: Privates Paul Otten, Doyle Simons, Allen Larsen, and Edward Hee.



UNLOADING ambulance at door of Receiving Office. Left to right: Private James Christian, George Chilborg, and George Davidowitz showing how it should be done.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Among the officers of the school who are now on detached service are Major Wilson T. Smith, commanding officer of the schools, and Major Robert T. Terry, instructor of the medical school. Major Smith went to O'Reilly General hospitial, Springfield, Missouri; and Major Terry went to William Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, Texas.

Staff Sergeant William H. Sink and Sergeant Howard B. Dow who have not been on detached service since they were transferred to the schools, left the latter part of last week on detached service to William Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, Texas.

At the present time there are approximately twenty-five students on detached service, nearly the largest number of students to be on detached service so far!

Two other noncommissioned officers on detached service are Sergeants Herman R. Knoller and LeRoy R. Sixberry. Both left the early part of this week and were enroute to O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Missouri.

The first technician's rating was received here on March 16th, 1942, when Corporal Russell Williams of the pharmacy school, was reduced from the rank of corporal to that of technician 5th grade, as of March 1, 1942. Technician 5th Grade Williams is from CASC Unit No. 1919, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

Private Owen C. Campbell, supply clerk of the schools, has been chosen as the next enlisted man to attend Officer's Candidate school, which is situated at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Private Campbell will leave here around the latter part of the current month in order that he may reach his destination by the 3rd of April.

One type of airplane motor contains 7,000 parts. Each part is inspected an average of ten times to make sure that workmanship is perfect—which means 70,000 inspections for every engine.

Serve in Silence

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

LET'S GET MAD

Some of us who may have been uncertain as to whether or not our status as military personnel brought us within the charmed group who may make application for new tires have had that doubt dispelled by a letter on the subject from the Secretary of War and published to the Army by the Adjutant General. It follows:

"The policy relative to the issuance of tire rationing certificates has been established by the War Production Board. They have established a list of eligible vehicles for which certificates may be issued. This list includes only those vehicles necessary for the health and protection of the populace and for the active progress of the War effort. Vehicles used for convenience are not and should not be on the list even though they are operated by service personnel."

It means that when the rubber on the old jalopy is gone there will be no more until happy days are here again. For some of us it will merely mean the omission of the evening drive to watch the sunset from the beach. For some it will mean a walk to the mail box to drop that letter. For all of us it means that unless we get fighting mad and clean up the enemy in the shortest possible time we will be reduced to shoe leather sooner or later. It is only when the War and its consequent inconveniences are brought home to us as individuals that we may come to the conclusion that this is really our war and everyone of us is in it.

Let's get mad and fight.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Ray Mayo and Gene Napier, in their accustomed spot on the same bench talking over Oahu days and especially one Sunday morning.

Miss Gladys Nichols holding speechless two of our most eligible bachelor lieutenants and at the same time picking up her mail at the post office window.

Captain "Don" Slocum giving a demonstration of the new Roger Anderson splints and it looks as though he has something now.

That agile bass drummer with the Station Band from the Presidio on Tuesday afternoon. Djer see how he tossed those tasseled sticks?

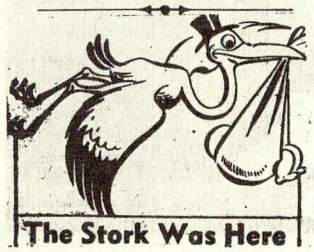
Miss "Judy" Schnaitner reaching for the ceiling. No hold up—just her stretching exercises.

All the Irish and the would-be-Irish on St. Patrick's Day a wearing o' the green and that one girl who preferred yellow.

Major "Bill" Nichol leaving his PFC cards in person and all of us wishing it were not so. We're goner miss Marge and Bill.

Sergeant Casserly off in a corner boning up on the new job he has in view. And he can do it.

Major Oscar Helming passing out the cigars on the arrival of twelve pound seven ounces of James at the Cottage Hospital in Ross.



The Stork Was Here

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. John J. Roland, Fort Lewis, Washington, a daughter, Carol, weight seven pounds four and one half ounces, born March 16, 1942.

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THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

March 22

1783—Half pay for life voted by Congress to officers of the Army commuted to a sum equal to five years pay for which certificates bearing interest at 6 per cent were issued.

1923—Troops from Ft. Omaha, Nebraska, turn out to aid city wrecked by tornado.

March 23

1806—Lewis and Clark expedition starts on return journey from the Pacific coast.

March 24

1896—Army Enginers start improvement of Conneaut Harbor, Ohio. Piers and breakwaters were constructed.

March 26

1856—Massacre of settlers by Rogue River Indians at the Cascades on the Columbia River, Washington Territory. Relief was brought by Colonel Wright and Lieutenant P. H. Sheridan.

1886—Government troops sent to St. Louis, Mo., to protect mail in transit.

March 27

1814—General Jackson and Coffee defeat the Creek Indians at Great Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River, Alabama. This defeat broke the Creek power east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio rivers.

March 27

1821—A uniform order is prescribed and goes into great detail as to the quality and make of clothing, and how it should be worn. Blue is prescribed as the national color. Red silk sashes for all officers on duty came into general use at this time. Also, the laced bootee or modern type shoe was provided for all enlisted men.

March 28

1782—Congress authorizes a maximum of four brigadier generals for the Army.

1812—A congressional Act creates a Quartermaster's Department, which is first legal recognition of an actual supply staff. Military agents were supplanted by a quartermaster-general, with a rank of brigadier, four deputy quartermasters and an elastic number of assistants, depending opon the requirements of public service.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 22, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, March 27.
7:30 p. m. Benediction and Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

Jewish Holidays To Be Celebrated

For all men of the Jewish faith, stationed in or around San Francisco, the Jewish Welfare Board is making plans for the coming Passover holiday.

Those who wish to partake of home hospitality on the evening of the First Seder will be taken care of if they contact the Jewish Welfare Board, 111 O'Farrell street, San Francisco.

A large community Seder will be held at the Temple Emanuel on Wednesday, April 1st, to which all men are cordially invited.

The Jewish Welfare Board has put a great deal of effort into plans for Passover so that all Jewish men who are far removed from home and family may enjoy the hospitality that is the spirit of our Passover.

Men may secure invitations by contacting Martin Ruderman, Jewish Welfare Board, 111 O'Farrell street, San Francisco.

WEDDING BELLS

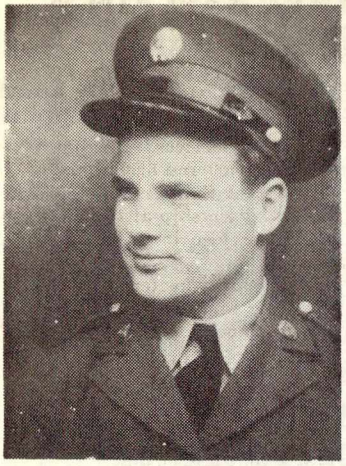
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Marion M. Collins, formerly on duty at Letterman General Hospital as a member of the Army Nurse Corps, and Mr. John A. Laudt of San Francisco.

The young couple will make their home temporarily in San Francisco.

SUNDAY SHOW TIME CHANGED

The time set for the second Sunday show at the Recreation center has been changed from 9:15 p. m., as previously announced by the Recreation department, to 9:00 p. m.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. STANLEY M. POSKUSA

Declaration of war last year meant cancellation of furloughs to many soldiers, but not many faced the ironic trick it played on Pvt. Stanley M. Poskusa, clerk of the Sick and Wounded office—but none-theless, there is no one with more loyalty nor enthusiasm for the army.

For the first time in two years, Poskusa was able to take a furlough—it began last year on December 6th, and by the 7th, Pvt. Poskusa was within five hundred miles of his home in Pennsylvania when he received a wire ordering him back to duty—and back he came, without complaining once. That's an example of his sunny disposition.

Pvt. Poskusa enlisted in the Army in 1939 at Pittsburgh, Pa., and arrived at Letterman last November, after having been on foreign service in Panama, Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines, where he acted as clerk of company supply in the grade of private first class. His return to the mainland was late in November, and he missed the bombing of the islands by only two weeks.

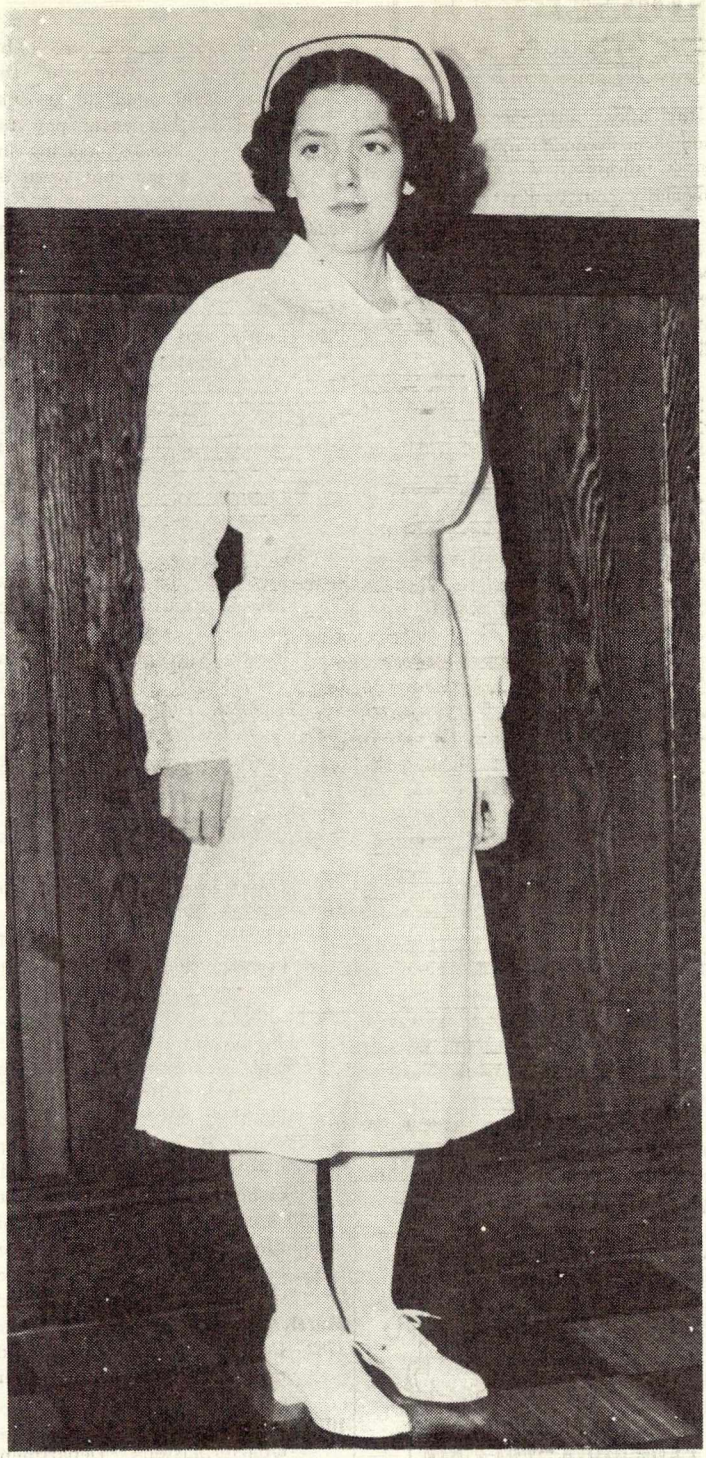
Pvt. Poskusa thinks San Francisco is the best place in the world for soldiers, and likes baseball, bowling and photography, of which he is an avid hobbyist. He collects poems also, and has in his collection an interesting group of poems composed by soldiers in the Philippines.

Our Buck of the Week is proud to be a member of the Letterman detachment, but still looks forward to the day when "we'll finish off the Japs and make the world safe—and incidentally, I'll get my furlough."

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UNIFORMS WORN BY NON-MILITARY PERSONNEL AT LETTERMAN HOSPITAL



UNIFORMS WORN by non-military personnel at LGH. The Dietitian wears a white uniform of poplin with two full length side pleats, and low open detachable collar. The cap is made of white "Indian Head" material with blue velvet band in center. Dietitians are civilian employes appointed through the United States Civil Service Commission. The model is Miss Helen L. Updegraff of Kansas, and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

'ON THE SPOT'



Pvt. EDWARD M. OVECKA
Air Corps, U. S. Army

Private Edward M. Ovecka, Air Corps Unassigned, was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on February 2, 1918, where he went through the grade schools and graduated from high school in 1936. He was with the Bethlehem Steel Company until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Jsne 1, 1939 and drew an assignment to the Hawaiian Air Depot where he was an apprentice sheet metal worker.

Within a year he had been rated Air Mechanic Second Class and was present early on the Sunday morning when the war started.

He has been a patient for the past ten weeks on D-1 where he achieved local fame by raising a mustache.

BOULDER DAM IS NOW RESTRICTED TO VISITORS

The Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army has issued a bulletin advising service personnel of the news restrictions applying to the area of Boulder Dam and the dam itself.

This has been a favorite attraction for tourists in the past and an average of a thousand visitors each day came to view this modern miracle of engineering. Due to the current restrictions no visitors are allowed to visit any part of the huge mounment and tourists are only permitted to cross the dam in convoy.

Growing numbers of service men, while on pass, are traveling to Boulder Dam for the purpose of sightseeing and as this is no longer permitted the trip is made in vain.

Nylon bearings for machinery have recently been patented.

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SGT. MIDDLETON ADDS A STRIPE TO HIS CHEVRON

Technical Sergeant Charles Middleton, of the Quartermaster Detachment, is the recipient of congratulations from his many friends on his recent promotion to that grade.

Sgt. Middleton was born in Philadelphia where he went through high school and then started working his way to the golden state of California. In the summer of 1935 he enlisted in the Army here at Letterman for the Quartermaster Department and he has remained ever since.

He is a printer by trade and for a time worked in our printing plant. At present he is chief clerk in the Utilities office and a valuable man in that capacity. If you want anything fixed in any sense of the word Sergeant Middleton is the man to see.



Technical Sergeant CHARLES MIDDLETON, Q. M. D. Chief Clerk, Utilities Section, Letterman Hospital.

Order of the Day

There's an old saw in the Army that "if an order can be misunderstood, it will be misunderstood." To illustrate the point, a soldier at Fort Crockett, Texas, produced the following succession of interpretations of an official oral order.

Says the camp adjutant to the sergeant major: "Tomorrow there will be a total eclipse of the sun, a rare event which is seldom seen. Notify the batteries to have their men form, dismounted on the regimental parade ground, in service uniform, at 3:15 p. m. This will enable them to see the eclipse. I will be present to give explanation. If it should rain, there will, of course, be nothing to see. In this case, there will be the usual indoor instruction."

Next it goes from the sergeant major to first sergeants: "By order of the colonel, tomorrow afternoon at 3:15 p. m., there will be a total eclipse of the sun in service uniform. Batteries to attend, dismounted. The adjutant will be present and will give necessary orders. If it should rain, there will be nothing to see, which seldom happens. In this case, the rare event will take place indoors."

After that the first sergeants pass it on to battery clerks: "The colonel is going to have an eclipse of the sun tomorrow, to start in service uniform on the regimental parade at 3:15 p. m. Everybody present, dismounted. If it rains, which seldom happens, the adjutant will explain this rare event indoors, with necessary orders, as there will be nothing to see."

At retreat the clerks explain it for the men: "Tomorrow afternoon at 3:15 p. m. the colonel will eclipse the sun, with necessary orders in service uniform. Everybody to attend. If it rains, this rare event will take place indoors, which seldom happens, and there will be nothing to see."

While at supper the men talk it over on this basis: "Tomorrow at 3:15 p. m. the sun will eclipse the colonel with necessary orders. If it rains, this event will take place indoors in service uniform, which seldom happens."

One company spends more than half a million dollars a year for labor and operating expenses to salvage materials and make them ready to be used again.

Sound waves inaudible to the human ear are being used to homogenize milk and ice cream. They also kill bacteria in food.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

March 22
JOE SMITH AMERICAN—Robert Young and Marsha Hunt. Also Short Subjects.

March 24
RISE AND SHINE—Linda Darnell and Jack Oakie. Also Short Subjects.

March 25
SHE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS—Joan Bennett and Franchot Tone. Also Short Subjects.

March 26
YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW—Jimmy Durante and Jane Wyman. Also Short Subjects.

March 27
ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT—Humphrey Bogart and Karen Vern. Also Short Subjects.

March 28
ADVENTURE IN WASHINGTON—Virginia Bruce and Herbert Marshall. Also Short Subjects.

LIEUT. SMALL IS NOW WEARING SILVER BARS

Congratulations are being extended to Lieut. Arthur C. Small on the occasion of his recent promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant, Finance Department. As the paymaster for the personnel at Letterman Hospital Lieut. Small is naturally very popular with the men and being a good looking young bachelor he is not at all unattractive to the ladies.

LETTERMAN WINS CURTAIN RAISER IN SOFTBALL

In its first official game of the Army Softball League, a strong Letterman ten handed the Fourth Army Headquarters team a scorching defeat by a score of 12 to 1 last Monday at Presidio field.

Sparked by catcher Billy DeMello and Art Lyman, new pitcher who held the opponents to only one hit, the medics had control of the contest at all times and, despite the one sided score, did not let down once, but played an excellent brand of ball throughout the game. The newly organized infield showed talent that promises to make it the outstanding infield of the league.

Mentor "Windy" West expressed satisfaction by saying he was more than pleased with the first showing, but hastened to add that too much confidence cannot be assumed from only one game. "The infield's work was particularly pleasing," he stated, "and I am sure that with the same organization, we'll hold our own in the league, but it will take a few more games to make any promises about where we'll wind up at the end of the season."

First Baseman Haverty led hitting for the day with three hits in the same number of trips to the plate.

Batting order and opening line-up follows:

Markoff	Second Base
DeMello	Catcher
Giovanneti	Third Base
Haverty	First Base
Morey	Left Field
West	Shortstop
Pascal	Short Field
Jarvi	Center Field
Lynch	Right Field
Lyman	Pitcher

Reserves: Morris, Kubiac, Carlson, McBride, Ramsly and Deeds. (Box score not available at this time.)

MISS ETHEL MAHONEY JOINS SOCIAL SERVICE AT LGH

It was St. Patrick's day in the afternoon when the reporter called at the Red Cross office to interview the latest addition to the Medical Social Service staff, and had he been anything but a Swede he might have known it was no time to find any Irishman — or woman — at work. Some people have been unkind enough to refer to that reporter as a dumb Swede but this is a story about an Irisher and the Swedes will be left to their own devices, a pretty kettle of fish, or a pickle, or anything.

To begin with we have to admit that Miss Mahoney is an asset as well as an addition to the Social Service staff. Not prone to talk much about herself what we could learn about is sketchy and sort of hops about like a man scratching where a flea has been and if you ever had fleas you know how the pests can jump.

Records reveal that Miss Mahoney is a native of Nebraska and she attended St. Mary's Academy in Portland before taking her bachelor's degree at the University of Washington and topping that off with her Master's degree at the University of Chicago. Somewhere along the line she acquired the qualifications for a good laboratory technician and was associated with the medical group of Drs. Brem, Zeiler, and Hammack in Los Angeles and was in charge of the laboratory of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood.

Delving into the dossier brings out that the same lady was a medical case supervisor for Tulare County in California and medical social worker for the crippled children's program for the State of Utah.



Miss ETHEL MAHONEY, M. A.
Assigned by the American Red Cross to the Medical Social Service staff for work among the patients at Letterman General Hospital.

NEW RESERVE NURSE REPORTS

The ranks of the Reserve Nurses on active duty at Letterman have been increased by the addition of Miss Dora Guglielmetti, R. N., who reported for active duty on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Gugliemetti is a native of Santa Rosa, California, where she finished at the Ursuline Academy, before taking her training at St. Mary's College of Nursing in San Francisco. Following graduation she remained in service on the surgical nursing staff of St. Mary's Hospital until called to active duty with the army.

QUOLIFYING ROUND IN LETTERMAN TENNIS TOURNEY ELIMINATED 10

Qualifying matches of the Letterman enlisted men's tournament culminated Wednesday evening to eliminate ten of the twenty-one men who entered the contest one week ago. The three remaining stanzas—quarter finals, semi-finals and finals—are expected to wind up within the next ten days, tournament director Sgt. Thomas Bell announced last night, and at the same time revealed that a miniature gold tennis ball and chain will be awarded to the winner of final competition as permanent trophy.

Two upsets marked the qualifying round—the first occurred when Pvt. John Bazzini won over Pvt. John James in three bitterly fought sets where it was anybody's match until the last point was scored. The second surprise was Pvt. James Gleeson's defeat at the hands of Sgt. Charles Vandervoort, who played an exceptionally cool, precise game.

Results follow:

Halteman defeated Carlson, 6-1, 6-0;

Anderson over Rozadilla, 6-3, 6-0;

Masterson over Cotella, 6-1, 6-0;

Saurwein over Reed, 10-8, 8-6;

Edwards over Titus, 6-1, 6-0;

Bazzini over James, 6-4, 5-7, 8-6;

Blackstead over W. P. Williams, 6-2, 6-0;

Vandervoort over Gleeson, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2;

Wiley over Wallace, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0;

Motier over Cook, 6-2, 6-0;

Harris drew a "by" and will compete in the next stanza.

Sgt. Bell also stated that plans are being made to organize a number of doubles teams representing detachment enlisted personnel to oppose a squad of Letterman officers on the court. Final details of the plan have not been completed, but will be announced near the end of the present contest, and Sgt. Bell advises all those who wish to be on a team for the enlisted men-officers tilt should contact him as soon as possible. The officers have expressed willingness to participate, and are already organizing for the competition.

MEDICAL DETACH

Friday the 13th meant good luck to Private Malcolm Foster who received an appointment of Private First Class on that date.

A word of praise to Sergeant Herbert Goldstein for the very commendable job he has done in compiling the manual on the "Mechanics of Oxygen Therapy." The book represents many long hours of preparation and an extensive field of practical experience. Sgt. Goldstein was assisted in the work by Corporal Irvin Weill who prepared diagrams.

Tennis is very much in evidence at the hospital. Every afternoon and evening both the officers and enlisted mens courts are occupied, and the only complaint seems to be that there is not room for everyone.

After the good showing Letterman made in the city baseball league—and with practically no support from the personnel of the Detachment—why don't we get behind our Soft ball team which has entered the harbor defense league. The schedule of the games to be played will be posted on the bulletin board and they will all be played over at the Presidio ball park—easy walking distance for everyone—across from the War Department Theater.

INTERESTING TO SEE

Private William Couch admiring the roses from his lady love in Salt Lake now that he is a patient.

Sergeant George Edwards deciding that the 800 odd miles which separate him from his girl should not curtail his social activities . . . . therefore many, many evenings spent in San Rafael.

Private Nels L. Allison working double time counting silverware—once during the day while on duty, and rechecking it at night again in his sleep. You must be tired, Allison!

Corporal Merle "Windy" West happy once more now that the hospital has a ball team again.

OFFENSIVE URGED

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sponsible, in addition, for the exclusion of aliens and others from critical areas, he must see to it that all troops receive such training for combat as is practicable, a requirement which necessitates that they be rotated periodically among the tasks mentioned above. Because of the extent of the area and the nature of their duties, insufficient time is now available for combat training of troops. A limit has therefore been reached beyond which the Army must not go in providing protection for key installations.

The guarding of utilities and other key installations, is the subject of many communications to the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. In most cases, according to the statement, the necessary protection should be provided by the corporations, the individual owner, the muncipality, or the state, and only in highly exceptional cases will Federal troops be used. A departure from this principle will result in placing most of our land forces on such duty, thereby making them ineffective for combat.

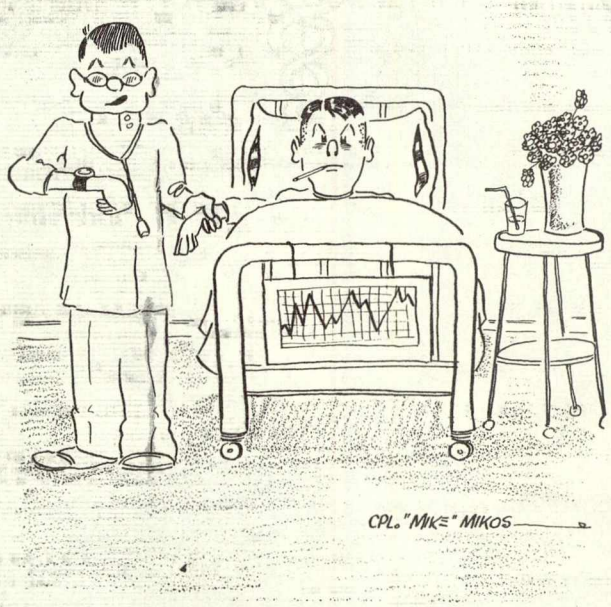
"If we fail to put first things first and yield to pressure to provide Federal troops for guarding numerous important installations," said General DeWitt, "we shall not be fulfilling our obligation to build a mobile Army prepared to carry the fighting to the enemy. Worst of all, we shall be playing directly into the hands of the enemy.

"Our primary task is to defeat the enemy. This can be done by a concentrated offensive effort. It cannot be done by the defense of every crossroad or installation of military importance. Sporadic hostile raids are to be expected and when such raids occur some damage will result whatever our protective measures. There will be some sabotage despite all the precautions we may take, but if we are to achieve our objective to defeat the enemy, we must not disperse our forces to guard duty on every frantic call. We should realize that the enemy will plan raids or make threats for no other purpose than to immobilize our planes, ships, or troops.

"We must not forget that in war only the offensive wins," the General concluded.

It is expected that some 12,000 tons of tin may be recovered from the treatment of discarded tin cans this year.

℞ ONE SMILE — By CPL. 'MIKE' MIKOS



"Hm-m-m, either you're dead or else my watch has stopped."

THESE CHEVRONS WILL IDENTIFY TECHNICIANS



Have you seen any stripes like this around, soldier?

They're the new technicians' chevrons, and you can identify them, left to right, as follows: Technician, third grade; Technician, fourth grade, and Technician, fifth grade.

A technician ranks just under the non-com of the same grade, and the officer draws the same pay.

Pretty soon, there won't be any more specialists in the army—they'll all be replaced with technicians, wearing stripes like these.

More beards on the home front? It may happen in the future, for war is slowly cutting down the allotments of alloys to razor blade makers.

NEW PROCLAMATION

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fornia, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, who changes his place of habitual residence is hereby required to obtain and execute a 'Change of Residence Notice' at any United States post office within any of the states mentioned. Such notice must be executed at any such post office not more than five nor less than one day prior to any such change of residence. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to affect the existing regulations of the U. S. Attorney General which require aliens of enemy nationalities to obtain travel permits from U. S. Attorneys and to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner of Immigration of any change in permanent address."

The new proclamation does not alter the duties and responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to the investigation of alleged acts of espionage and sabotage.

Serve in Silence

BANK FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR ENEMY ALIENS

Aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry who face exclusion from prohibited or restricted military areas in the Western Theater of Operations were urged in a statement made today at the headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, to avail themselves immediatey of the facilities set up by the Federal Reserve Bank to assist them in disposing of, or caring for their property.

It was announced yesterday that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco would assist the evacuees in property settlement matters. This bank and its branches in Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles are offering advice and assistance free to all potential evacuees who seek it.

In urging the evacuees to take immediate advantage of the facilities offered, the statement pointed out that in many cases arrangements for the disposition or care of the property will require considerable time and advised the aliens and others concerned to take action now while there is still an opportunity to give adequate consideration to the individual cases.

The Army spokesmen reiterated that the government does not plan to take title to the property of the evacuees, but rather is prepared to protect them against individuals who seek to take advantage of their situation.

Number Racket

Lucky or unlucky, the number 13 certainly dominates the life of at least one of the soldiers in Uncle Sam's forces. Private Tommy Thomas, of Camp Roberts, California, received his draft questionnaire while living in a hotel room—Room 313. He reported for Army duty on October 13. His home address is 1300 East Bowie Street, Marshall, Texas. He left Marshall with $13.00 in his pockets. There are 13 beds in his barracks row and he occupies bed 13. His Army IQ test was taken on table 13. He was made a squad leader on November 13. And one month later, on December 13, he was sent to non-commissioned officers' training school—where he was promptly assigned to Barracks No. 13.

Serve in Silence

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ORDER OF PURPLE HEART CONFERRED ON SGT. MARTIN

What has been described as "General Washington's Medal of Honor," the Order of the Purple Heart, was formally presented to Sergeant Robert H. Martin, Air Corps, United States Army, on Wednesday of last week.

The ceremony of presentation took place in the office of the Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital when Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt pinned the Medal on the chest of Sergeant Martin. The official order of the War Department conferring the medal and the citation describing the deed for which it was awarded was read by Colonel A. B. McKie, the Executive Officer, whie Captain Frank R. Day, Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, was present to extend his congratulations in the name of the detachment.

Sergeant Robert H. Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Martin, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he went through grammar and high school before becoming a student at Penn State College. He enlisted for service with the Air Corps in July 1939 at Lancaster and went to Fort Slocum, N. Y. for preliminary instruction before sailing for Hawaii. He was attached to the 7th Weather Squadron, Air Corps, at Hickam Field on December 7th when the Japanese attacked that post.

The, Order of the Purple Heart and the Medal were awarded to Sergeant Martin for "singularly meritorious service in action against the enemy" during which the sergeant was wounded. He is still under treatment for the wounds received in action.



BRIGADIER GENERAL DE WITT, commanding general of Letterman General Hospital, extending congratulations to Sergeant Robert H. Martin, Air Corps, on whom the general had just pinned the Medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for "Meritorious Service" in action against the enemy.

Former Letterman Officer Given High Praise

Captain George Adams, who will be remembered as formerly on the Neuropsychiatric staff on this hospital, is reported as making a name for himself with the forces of the United Nations in Java.

He was mentioned in despatches from "down under" for the very excellent service rendered by him to the officers and men of the Air Force in action against the enemy in the Netherlands.

This was the first news of him to reach his family, now living in Oakland, and Mrs. Adams has every reason to be proud of the absent husband and father.

Confusion

Confused by an Army regulation stipulating that an enlisted man seek permission from his commanding officer before marrying, a soldier at Fort Ord approached his immediate superior, a lieutenant.

"Sir," he stammered. "Sir, uh—would you—I mean—uh . . . Sir, would you give me permission to marry you?"

WPA MEDICAL PROJECT UNIT HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK HERE

There are, around Letterman, a thousand and one things that are taken for granted—comfortable service club lounges, dependable and attractive equipment, furniture, library books and numerous other details never noticed until one misses them. Have you ever wondered who mends service club properties when they become worn or damaged—or how ward furniture is always in excellent condition—and that many other articles in every day use subject to wear and tear are always available and in good condition?

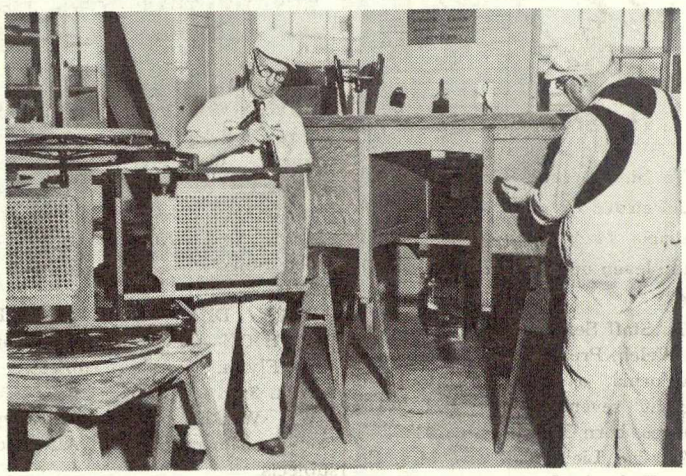
You probably haven't, because the people who take care of their repair and maintenance are quiet, unassuming groups set apart from the busy avenues of the hospital, yet indispensable to its efficient functioning—they are the Work Projects Administration employes assigned by the government to assist the medical supply officer in maintaining medical properties. Their presence here is scarcely credited, but if they were to leave all at once, every post member would be aware that something was missing, for the work of the WPA affects all, from patients to detachment personnel.

The WPA medical unit headquarters is located in a small office in the basement of ward "G," from where the project supervisor, Mrs. Stella E. Colbert, assigns work to the various shops and groups as requisitioned by the medical supply officer. At present there are five separate groups active in as many departments of the hospital.

Perhaps closest to the detachment itself, because it maintains detachment property, is the medical utilities shop, where wood and metal equipment is repaired and renewed—and an upholstery unit is active in mending or renovating leather or stuffed furniture. Here a constant flow of equipment moves in and out in a never ending stream, coming in worn or damaged, and leaving like a new article. Straightening, shaping, stuffing, painting, mending and strengthening are some of the processes each item must undergo. Each object coming in is thoroughly checked and examined, so that when it leaves, the article is in perfect shape and as good as the day it was purchased. The last quarter of 1941 saw repairs on 2,357 metal objects such as beds, cabinets, litter wheels, carts and thirty-four other types of metal articles in daily use. The broad variety of repair problems presented makes it easy to see why each man must be a master of his craft. In addition, 465 wooden objects in the same period were repaired by WPA woodworkers—tables, splints, benches, dressers, are some of the things renewed here, and there is not one type of wooden furniture used in the hospital that has not been repaired at some time by these men.



Mrs. STELLA E. COLBERT
Project Supervisor WPA Medical Unit working at Letterman General Hospital.



WOODWORK SHOP with Matthew Mahoney, left, and John Kdalmas, right.

Linen, one of the most important properties of any hospital, is also maintained in serviceable condition by this government agency project—aprons, trousers, gowns, pajamas, sheets, convelescent uniforms, and many other ward necessities are kept in good condition of repair by two efficient workers located in the post laundry, where after washing, articles are examined, and if defective, are turned over to these WPA women for mending, alterations or replacing buttons. In the last three month period, an almost unbelievable total of 31,073 various repairs were made on all types of hospital cloth goods. Over 11,000 repairs were made on convelescent suits alone—pajamas, aprons, sheets, surgical gowns and dressings rank next in number of mending jobs completed by this WPA unit.

Another work carried on through the agency is connected with a Letterman recreation room, the library. Here the work consists of cataloguing and indexing books and periodicals. In the same period previously referred to, some 6,600 books were tabulated and catalogued for the library.

As books become worn and ragged from much use, something must be done to return them to serviceable condition — here again the WPA comes in. A book bindery is located back of the WPA office, where nine employes, skilled in the craft of the binding and mending books, enable the library to keep its shelves well stocked by renewing with bright sturdy covers those books that would ordinarily have been discarded. This section also assembles post directories, dental, medical and surgical periodicals and journals, as well as numerous other odd jobs in the way of binding as requested by various section chiefs through the supply officer. An average of twenty-one books are bound or repaired every day, the progress report indicates,—a sizeable and worth while project.

In addition to this work, the WPA assists in administrative details such as filing, renovating file systems and

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BARBARA BENNETT BEAUTIFUL BRIDE

Before a flower decked altar in the post chapel at Fort Winfield Scott on Tuesday evening of this week Miss Barbara Bennett, former 2nd Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps, and member of the nursing staff of Letterman General Hospital, was united in marriage with Lieut. Richard Hill, Coast Artillery Corps, in the presence of a large number of friends. Chaplain Theodore J. Hatton was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, attired in a white net wedding gown and finger tip veil, was attended by Miss Eileen M. Holtzen, as maid of honor, and Miss Jane L. Sanctuary, as bridesmaid. The groom wore his olive drab uniform as did Lieut. John Hines, who acted as the best man for the ceremony. Miss Martha McRae was the flower girl.

A reception followed the ceremony after which the young couple left for a brief honeymoon.

A New Breakfast For Champions

Jackie Cooper, the young movie star, was making a personal appearance with a USO camp show at Camp Barkeley, Texas. With him was his manager, Bill Smith. Stepping into the service club cafeteria for a mid-day snack, Mr. Smith commented that he wasn't very hungry and smilingly asked the waitress behind the counter for a dish of "Wheaties and bananas." The girl looked at him a little strangely, then disappeared into the kitchen. There was a long wait. Finally she came back. Manager Smith shuddered at what he saw—a long dish, with split bananas, covered with mayonnaise. In the center were chopped-up weenies. Weenies and bananas! Unwilling to make a scene, Smith manfully downed the stuff.

Faster Sleeping Won't Beat Reveille

One of the top-kicks in the Quartermaster Detachment has uncovered a really novel excuse for being late for reveille. Calling on Private Ray L. Patterson to explain why he missed the bugler's call, the sergeant blinked at the reply: "Honest, sergeant, I came in so late I didn't have time enough to make up the time lost, even sleeping faster than usual!"



LIEUT. AND MRS. RICHARD HILL emerging from the Post Chapel, Fort Winfield Scott, to pass under the traditional arch of sabers, following their wedding on Tuesday evening last.

—Photo by Corteville



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Peter M. Petrov, Air Corps, a daughter, Patricia Mary, weight six pounds and eleven ounces, born March 17th, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lester C. Welch, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a son, Timothy Dean, weight seven pounds and seven ounces, born March 19th, 1942.

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. Ernest Ewbank, Quartermaster Corps, a daughter, Virginia Ashley, weight eight pounds and eight ounces, born March 20th, 1942.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Berfnard Coullahan, Air Corps, a daughter, Cynthia Claire, weight six pounds and four ounces, born March 24th, 1942.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MARCH 29:

BUY ME THAT TOWN—Lloyd Nolan and Constance Moore. Also short subjects.

MARCH 31:

NEW YORK TOWN—Fred McMurray and Mary Martin. Also short subjects.

APRIL 1:

MALTESE FALCON — George Sanders and Windy Barry. Also short subjects.

APRIL 2:

THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON—Oliva DeHaviland and Errol Flynn. Also short subjects.

APRIL 3:

WE WERE DANCING—Melvyn Douglas, Norma Shearer. Also short subjects.

APRIL 4:

TARZAN'S SECRET TREASURE —Johnny Weismuller and Margaret Sullivan. Also short subjects.

Major Stecker Assumes Duties

During the past week the supervision of the Quartermaster activities at Letterman General Hospital was assumed by Major Hubert A. Stecker, who recently arrived from his former station in the middle west.

Major Stecker is no stranger to San Francisco as he served a tour of duty at the Presidio ten years ago.

ARMY VEHICLES ORDERED TO SLACKEN SPEED

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today set a 40-mile per hour maximum speed limit for Army vehicles operating in the Western Theater of Operations.

In addition to setting the speed limit, the General declared that military drivers will obey all traffic regulations. To make doubly certain that the speed limit and traffic laws are complied with, the General made the senior passenger, officer or non-commissioned officer, in a vehicle and the driver jointly responsible for carrying out his instructions.

"The failure of either or both parties to discharge these responsibilities will be cause for prompt and necessary disciplinary action," the General said. Excessive speed not only causes a rapid rate of wear on tires, but is indicative of a growing attitude that, being at war and in a designated theater of operations, the military is not required to conform to local laws. This is not the case.

"In this connection the President has indicated that in order to conserve rubber civilians would be requested not to exceed the speed of 40 miles per hour. It is difficult to convince the general public that they should travel at a moderate rate of speed when military personnel burn up rubber by driving at an excessive speed. It is as incumbent on the Army to conserve rubber, gasoline and oil as anyone else."

The General also directed all Commanding Officers to take immediate action to assure themselves of full compliance by personnel in military vehicles with his instructions on speed and traffic regulations, and to make certain that there is no unnecessary and unauthorized use of Government vehicles.

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EDITORIAL

RECKLESS DRIVING

The apparently careless abandon with which the drivers of beeps, jeeps, trucks, and other vehicles of the service have been traversing the streets of this city and surrounding territory is to be discouraged by the commanding officers of all organizations.

The Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army has issued orders calling for full compliance with speed limits and all local traffic ordinances on the part of military personnel driving or using military vehicles. Responsibility for violation of the order is charged to the senior officer present in the vehicle as well as the driver and disciplinary action will be taken in all cases reported.

The shortage of rubber is a matter of common knowledge, and while priority in obtaining enough for the needs of the service has been granted to the Army, it is no indication that an unlimited supply is available even for the defense forces.

Drivers who labor under the delusion that their military status puts them in a class apart from the rest of the citizens in the matter of obeying traffic laws are due for a rude awakening. Operators of vehicles bearing the insignia of the United States Army should be examples of what is called good driving. Lessons in propriety await those who are not.

The wearing of the uniform alone is not enough evidence of patriotism. It is our duty to save as well as serve at this time when there is so little available with which to do so much.

The official warning has been sounded: Save life—save materiel—by careful driving—or else.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The chevrons of Staff Sergeant on **Thomas R. Bell, Bartholemew Guarisco,** and **Chauncey Young,** while the stripes of a sergeant now adorn the uniform sleeves of **Rosylen Morey, Curtis Pike,** and **Eugene Walton.** Congratulations.

Miss **Frances Wagner** hurrying to get in the time slip before the deadline.

The sessions in the Staff Room where once again **Major "Gene" Manning** has assumed the role of leader of the opposition.

Sgt. **Tony Kaminski** posing for a photo and soon to break out in print.

The Casualty list with well known names like Major **Carl Steinhoff,** Captain **Robert H. Denham,** Capt. **Eugene Perez,** Capt. **Milton Tinsley,** and Lieut. **"Bill" Kaiser.**

Charlie Deeter and **Henderson Leach** walking along the corridor in step and taking their time about it.

Miss **Virginia Kwiatt** giving everyone an appetite by appearing at the breakfast table one fine spring morning.

Mrs. **Alice Reynolds,** head of the sales force in the PX, trying to satisfy the demand for the neckties in the newly approved shade.

Mrs. **Vivienne Williams** matching coins for her dinner and losing.

And some other items withheld from publication.

NEW CHEMICAL OFFICER JOINS LETTERMAN STAFF

For the first time in recent years an officer of the Chemical Warfare Service has been assigned to station at Letterman General Hospital and Major Robert E. Mateer, CWS, has assumed the duties of instructing the personnel in gas defense.

Major Mateer is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a graduate of the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He is a veteran of World War I and has been a reserve officer since 1925. He has been on extended active duty since February of this year.



It is always a pleasure to add to the roster of Reserve Nurses who have volunteered for duty with the Army Nurse Corps and this week we have welcomed four newcomers to our ranks.

Miss **Thelma Cole,** is a native of Cholocothe, Ohio, but emigrated to Grand Island, Nebraska, where she completed high school, and then went westward to San Francisco where she took her training in Mary's Help Hospital and remained on the staff of that institution until she enrolled in the Reserve Corps.

Miss **Alice La Verne Whitmer** was born in Bartlett, North Dakota, spent her early youth in North Liberty, Indiana, and then moved on to Riverside, California, for high school. Her professional course was taken at the Bishop Johnson College of Nursing affiliated with the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. After graduation she remained there on the nursing staff for a time but has more recently been working as an office Nurse in San Rafael.

Miss **Margaret P. Kukich** was born in Duluth, Minnesota, went to high school in Annamoose, N. D., and trained in St. Barnabas' Hospital in Minneapolis. She has done general duty at St. Barnabas after graduation and also in the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento.

Miss **Marie S. Inman** was born in Stockton and went to high school in Calaveras and took her professional course in nursing at the San Francisco City and County Hospital. Since graduation she has done general and private duty in San Francisco, Stockton, and Antioch. A native daughter of the Golden West who has stayed close within the limits of the Golden State.

And comes the news of the marriage of Miss **Christy Norton,** formerly of our set, to Lieut. W. P. Burt of the army. And we wish them well.

And two other weddings we may be free to mention in an early issue.

All-Out War Effort Reaches Army Mess

Going all-out against the axis, one mess hall at Camp Roberts, California, has renamed a popular breakfast dish "Free French Toast."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, March 29, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Post Chapel:
Services for Friday, April 3.
2:30 p. m. Stations.
Daily during Lent.
6:00 a. m. Mass.

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY

MARCH 29:

1916—Colonel Dodd with about 400 men of his cavalry regiment surprises and attacks about 500 bandits under Villa at Guerrero, Mexico. He scatters the force after a sharp fight, the only one directly concerned with Villa.

1923—World aeroplane speed record is established by Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan of 236.5 miles an hour at Mineola, Long Island.

1941—The Army's Fourth motorized division dashes 200 miles from Fort Benning, Georgia, to the Gulf Coast in less than 12 hours on a tactical march, which proved it to be the equal of any in the world, said Army officers.

MARCH 30:

1866—Army Surgeon Joseph J. Woodward makes pioneer discoveries in photomicrography.

1867—Treaty is signed with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for $7,200,000.

1928—World airplane duration record without refueling made by Edward Stinson and Captain George Halderman at Jacksonville, Florida, remaining in the air 53 hours, 36 minutes.

MARCH 31:

1854—Treaty with Japan is signed of peace, amity and commerce, ending Japan's policy of isolation. Two ports of entry, Hakodadi and Simoda, opened to the United States.

1921—Captain L. H. Smith, Air Service, completes aerial survey of cyclone area on Olympic Peninsula, Washington.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to Frank L. Mellon, Fred C. Sutton and Otis F. Morris for their appointments to Privates First Class during the week.

We welcome Private Richard S. Brown back to the Detachment. Private Richard S. Brown was placed on the Enlisted Reserve Corps, October 10th, 1941.

Good luck to Privates Robert Beach and Francis A. Ruh in their transfer to the Air Corps. If the course of instruction is successfully completed it will be "Flying Cadets" Beach and Ruh.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Private William Schlichter beaming about the new baby in the Schlichter home.

Private George Sistek doing a "Benny Goodman" on his carinet for the men back in the linen room of the Receiving Office and promising something terrific in a musical composition "Letterman March" for presentation in the near future.

Corporal Merle C. "Windy" West's I-told-you-so-swagger since the softball team won its first game. "Ligier and his football prognostication. Huh! He hasn't a thing on me! I'll call all the games because we are going to take that pennant."

SLEEP OVERTAKES A SOLDIER

Mr. and Mrs. George Benton, 1432 Arch street, Berkeley, are convinced that young men of Uncle Sam's Army have clear consciences.

Sunday night the two returned home to find a strange young soldier asleep on their bed.

In full uniform he was sleeping the sleep of the just, without snores.

Police were summoned and inquiry disclosed that the soldier had been out with his cousin; had a couple of drinks; became sleepy and was directed in the sleep of the just.

He came to the Benton home, found the door open and entered, believing it was the home of his cousin.

The story touched both the Bentons and police, who rushed him to the nearest bus.

They never did discover his identity.

Anyone wishing to learn the identity of the "sleeping soldier" may inquire at the office of the editor for full particulars.

OUR PROFESSOR PAYMASTER PROMPT IN PUTTING OUT PESOS FOR PATIENTS



1st Lieut. ARTHUR C. SMALL
Finance Department, U. S. Army
Agent Finance Officer at Letterman Hospital

Next to "When do we eat?" the most absorbing question to the average soldier is "When do we get paid?" and the man who can answer that is very likely to enjoy a wide acquaintance in any garrison with his popularity depending on how close he gets pay day to the end of the month.

The money man at Letterman is 1st Lieut. Arthur C. Small, agent finance officer, for the patients and personnel of the command. He is a native of Canada, but has lived in California since his eighth year. He comes by his present military status honestly and by training at the San Diego Army and Navy Military Academy. Then he absorbed knowledge at Pasadena Junior College, Occidental College, and graduated from the University of California with a major in commerce. He joined the staff of the Bank of America for a time and then went back to the Universitiy of California for post graduate work in teaching. He was on the faculty at Marysville Junior College for one year and gave it up to become a soldier.

Lieut. Small received his appointment in the Finance-Reserve in June 1940 and was ordered to extended active duty on July 17, 1941 with station in the office of the Finance Office in San Francisco. In October of the same year he was assigned to Letterman Hospital and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on March 10, 1942.

There is the closest co-operation between the Unit Personnel Officer and the Finance Officer in this command and everyone benefits from such a congenial arrangement. Lieut. Small is always ready to do his part to have the patients receive their pay as soon as humanly possible. Small gets the papers in order for men coming home from foreign service and short of cash. It is easy to understand why our paymaster is also thought of as Santa Claus by the beneficiaries of his more than ordinary interest in their fiscal problems.

Any story about our hero would not be complete unless we mentioned the fact that he is a bachelor, tall but fair instead of dark, and quite handsome. Those tall dark and handsome men give us a pain and it is a bit of relief to have a man around who is fair and handsome still.

Of course, the lieutenant has a telephone but we would not know the number.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Forty-six new students arrived here at the schools, during the middle part of this week, from the Medical Replacement Training center, Camp Grant, Illinois. All will begin instructions at the beginning of next week.

1st Sergeant John T. Young and wife and Staff Sergeant Joseph Hodge and wife, celebrated Sgt. Young's birthday, which was on Tuesday, March 24th, 1942, by going down town and having a very sumptuous and tasty supper, at the beginning of the week. At the occasion Young was presented with an expensive looking Longine wrist watch, which was given to him as a birthday present from his wife. "It is a very nice present," says Young, as he proudly displays it.

Staff Sergeant William L. Walker, enlisted instructor of the dental school, and also designer of the unique Special Service School rings, states that there are approximately six dozen school rings for sale at the main post exchange, and can be had at $3.35 each. These are very fine looking rings, are composed of vitalium (stainless steel), with a caduceus, the hospital's initials, and the school's initials, engraved on it. Only graduating students of the Special Service schools can purchase them. The rings are now on display at the post exchange, see them today!

Two former students of the dental school, Privates Nathan Edelstein and Donald E. Stone, were transferred into the Special Service schools on March 21st, 1942. Both enlisted men completed a very successful course and will help instruct many students to arrive in the future. Everyone here wishes them luck and a helping hand in whichever way we can assist.

Private First Class Robert L. Frasher, orderly for the charge of quarters for the past year, was transferred to Headquarters, Hamilton Field, California, during the latter part of last week. All of Frasher's friends here wish him the best of luck at this new station, and are glad to hear that he will get into the aerial photography branch of the Air Corps, a type of work in which he is highly proficient.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



CARLTON E. FILLAUER
Private, Medical Department

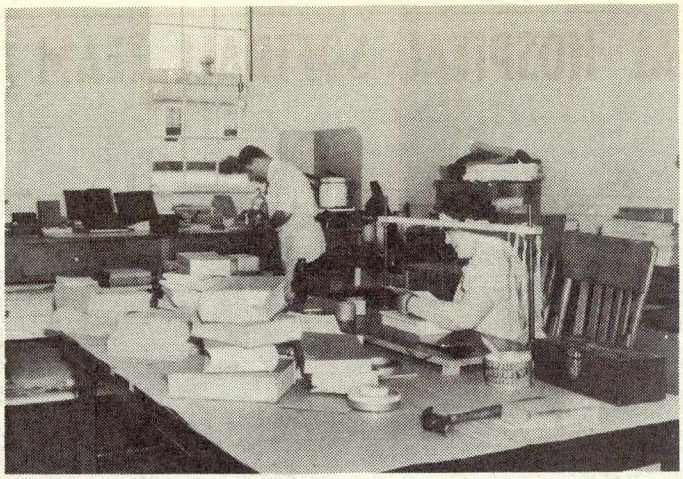
When asked what his army occupation is, Buck of the Week Carlton E. Fillauer replied, "Oh, I make arms, legs, hands and braces"—and that is exactly what he does, for Pvt. Fillauer is an expert orthopedic mechanic here at Letterman—the man who makes artificial limbs and orthopedic braces for patients in need.

Pvt. Fillauer came to Letterman at his own request in January of 1942, after one year's experience in the Tennessee National Guard artillery, and was promptly put to work in ward D-1 cast room. After working here for a month, he was moved to the orthopedic mechanics shop, where he is as happy as can be, for our Buck loves this work of creating useful objects.

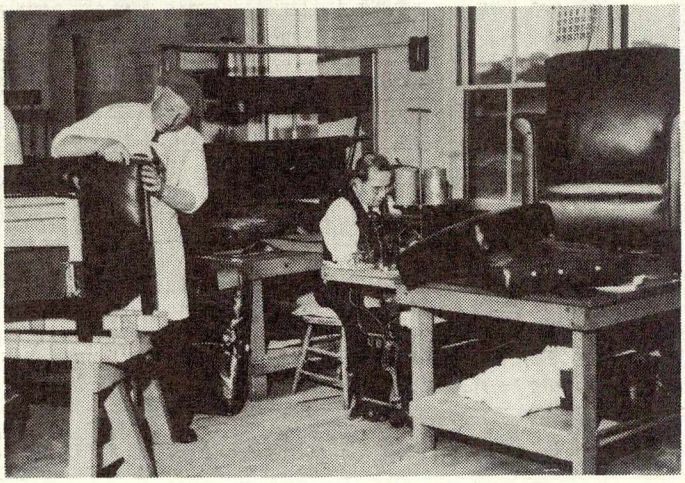
Born in Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1919, Pvt. Fillauer attended high school, two years of college and was graduated from a vocational school in that city after which he worked as orthopedic mechanic's apprentice for four years and obtained journeyman's papers in that field. At the end of his army career he expects to return home to that occupation and to assist his father in operating a large drug and surgical supply house. He believes his work here will prove to be invaluable experience then.

Private Fillauer likes bowling, skating, tennis and photography, and finds time to take correspondence courses in surgical supply education in the meantime.

And on top of his mechanical abilities, Pvt. Fillauer has a warm, friendly personality . . . . he's a "nice guy."



BOOK BINDING with Bindery Foreman A. G. Tevis, and Mrs. Norma Williams.



UPHOLSTERY SHOP showing George Bohn, left, and Nishkan Jamgotchian, right.



LAUNDRY REPAIR SHOP with Mrs. Josephine Ciacarroni in foreground, she is now a Civil Service Worker.

'ON THE SPOT'



To the upper part of New York state belongs the man who decorates the "spot" this week and we should give Hensdale a passing mention as the place of his birth although La Porte loomed a lot larger in his later years.

And we introduce Otis Willover as the patient who is on the spot this week. Perhaps it is a mean advantage to take of a man who is bedfast and consequently unable to chase the reporter out of the ward but he has been doing so well following his recent operation that seeing his name in print should have some therapeutic value.

Otis enlisted in the Coast Artillery branch of the service at La Porte and tarried at Fort Niagara for a few days before going to Fort Eustis in Virginia to take his basic training. At the conclusion of that period he was sent to Hawaii and stationed at Camp Malekole.

The youthful soldier admits he spent very little time sightseeing in and about Oahu for the reason that his hobby is landscaping and gardening and there was plenty of outlet for his energy along those lines in the sand dunes of Malekole. His free time was well occupied growing grass and lawns where only sand had been before. And then came the blitz.

Private Willover has a large family waiting back in Lockport, New York, for his return to their fireside. His father and mother and seven sisters and six brothers and no one has to write about the groaning table prepared for the family dinner on the evening Otis checks in.

The sooner the better.

Total employed manpower in the United States is now around 50,000,000. According to current estimates, it will have to be increased by 3,000,000 this year and a similar amount next year to take care of America's war production job.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL SOFTBALL TEAM



REAR ROW, left to right: Albert Giovenatti, Basil M. Markoff, Corp. Silas Craig, Robert S. White, Edmund Kubiak, Milton D. Carlson, Matt Jarvi. Front row, left to right: John P. Norris, Andre R. Pascal, Sgt. Thomas R. Bell, Corp. Merle West, Manager; William F. DeMellon, Corp. Rosylen H. Morey.

CURFEW AFFECTING JAPANESE ALIENS ISSUED BY WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND

Moving swiftly in his mission of Japanese and alien enemy evacuation, Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commanding the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army Tuesday issued Public Proclamation No. 3, establishing a curfew between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. for all Japanese Americans and enemy aliens in critical military zones. The edict requiring these persons to be in their homes during these hours applies not only to all of Military Area No. 1—comprising Western Washington, Oregon, California and Southern Arizona but to those residing in the "island" zones established by General DeWitt in the remainder of these states, and in Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

General DeWitt's proclamation also forbids all aliens and American born Japanese as well, possession of firearms, war material, bombs, explosives, short-wave radio receiving sets, radio transmitting sets, signaling devices, codes or ciphers or cameras. These were heretofore banned from possession of alien Japanese, Germans and Italians by the President in his enemy alien proclamation of December 7 and December 8. None can travel more than five miles from their homes except for settling their affairs through the 64 Wartime Civil Control Administration offices.

Heavy penalties for absence from residences during curfew hours are prescribed in a bill just signed by President Roosevelt. General DeWitt has placed upon every citizen responsibility for reporting any violations.

"The curfew became effective Friday. It will be rigidly enforced," General DeWitt declared. "Military necessity dictates such action, and military necessity requires strictest enforcement. As a patriotic duty, each citizen is urged to report without delay to local police, sheriff's offices, highway patrol officers or the F.B.I. any violation he may observe. These agencies will immediately take action.

"Let me warn the affected aliens and Japanese-Americans that anything but strict compliance with this proclamation's provisions will bring immediate punishment. President Roosevelt last week approved a law enacted by the congress (public law 503, 77th congress approved March 21, 1942) providing a penalty of $5,000 fine, or one year's imprisonment, or both for any failing to abide by any regulation or restriction appliable to military areas. The curfew is such a regulation.

"This is a war measure, and I warn again that swift justice will follow any violation, whether it involves disobedience to the curfew or the possession of contraband articles."

General DeWitt's curfew proclamation is part of a speedy sequence of events to evacuate Japanese from critical zones and areas. While it was being issued, 1000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans were voluntarily evacuating Los Angeles going to Manzanar, the Wartime Civil Control Administration's reception center in Owens Valley. All Japanese were under orders to evacuate Bainbridge Island, near Bremerton Navy Yard, in Puget Sound by Monday. At the Owens Valley reception center, hundreds of workmen were rushing additional housing, to prepare for a population of 10,00. Santa Anita Race Track, in Los Angeles, was designated as an assembly point in which thousands more affected persons can be temporarily sheltered awaiting transfer to reception centers. The movement from the designated areas and zones now is under way, and will be continuous.

"This is a final warning to the Japanese and Japanese-Americans within the areas to be evacuated that they must immediately cease wishful thinking that there will be exceptions or delays of departure

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WPA MEDICAL PROJECT

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straightening out records that are incomplete or in disorder. A group of eight workers have been busy for months in the basement file room at the south end of the main office building, rearranging and building new files, discarding duplicated material in every record kept by administrative medical, X-ray and surgical services. These records date from decades back, and the work has become particuliarly important since the start of the emergency, for old records must be available in good condition with the return of so many veterans whose histories must be referred to on their re-entrance to the service, Hundreds of thousands of individual cases make the task one of large proportion.

As well as the medical unit of the WPA, there is a project on the post under direction of the engineer corps, working on building and grounds upkeep. This section is under post utilities officer Captain Wesley Covert, whose office is located in the Quartermaster building. The WPA office itself is on the southeast corner of the reservation, back of the tailor shop. One hundred and nine men report here every morning before going to work on their various assignments which include nearly all outside work on the post — steamfitters, plumbers, and carpenters are among the group of skilled workmen. At present, much of their work is replacing paint-blacked windows with screens of sliding panel, so that natural daylight may be utilized instead of having interiors permanently darkened and necessitating artificial light. Painting red crosses on roofs of our buildings is another project; they assist in construction and repair of post buildings, replacing worn sections, setting up new windows along the corridors, renovating quarters and are generally active in every duty coming under the utilities officer, who assigns the jobs through Sidney D. Hart, WPA supervisor of the unit.

Although the number and type of repairs done by these groups run well into hundreds each day, they attract little comment or discussion —"Busy hands and quiet tongues" might well be their motto.

Although Florida did not enter the sponge industry until 1905, it is now the world's largest producer of sponges.

UNIFORMS WORN BY NON-MILITARY PERSONNEL AT LETTERMAN HOSPITAL



THE SALES and clerical forces employed by the Post Exchange wear a distinctive unifrom. The women appear dressed for work in a form-fitting blue broadcloth dress, with buttons the entire length in front, puffed sleeves, flaired skirt, and patch pockets in the front of the skirt. The dress shown is worn by Mrs. Bonnie Crowe, of Missouri.

Tooth Brush Puts Fine Edge on Gun

At a recent personal hygiene lecture at Fort Knox, Kentucky, the lieutenant in charge emphasized the advantage of using two tooth brushes. He asked how many men had a pair rather than only one. One enlisted man raised his hand, and the officer inquired how he used the brushes. The soldier replied: "One for my teeth and the other to clean my pistol!"

Soldiers May Marry Without Permission

Secretary of War Stimson has announced that enlisted men of the Army may now marry without permission from their superior officers.

Army regulations have previously prevented enlisted men from marrying unless they could secure consent of their commanding officers.

INTERESTING FACTS

A new world's record for blast furnace production was established recently at one large steel company. The furnace produced 41,782 net tons of pig iron in a single month, breaking a previous record of 41,701 tons.

Milk is now turned into a plastic material that can be used as a substitute for ivory.

ALIEN CURFEW

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until Fall," General DeWitt declared. But the Army seeks to allow these people to settle their property rights, dispose of business, arrange for handling of their crops and farms. It has sought to insure their protection from unscrupulous persons, trying to take advantage of their impending departure to defraud them. It has provided adequate shelter in the induction and reception camps.

"Wartime Civil Control Administration was established under Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff for civil affairs of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, to provide services of experts from every pertinent governmental agency. The WCCA has established 64 service centers all along the Coastal states and in Phoenix, Arizona, to help settle their affairs. But there has been temporizing, and the advantages of these facilities have not been used by the majority of these persons.

THE FOG HORN

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Medal of the Purple Heart Given to Pvt. Paul Boyer

Sitting very erect in his wheel chair, and with his mother at his side, Private Paul R. Boyer, Coast Artillery Corps, received the award of the Medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for "Meritorious Service" from the hand of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital.

The order awarding the medal and the citation descriing the act for which Private Boyer was decorated was read by Colonel A. B. McKie, The Executive Officer, in the presence of Colonel G. V. Emerson, Chief of the Surgical Section, and Captain Frank R. Day, Commanding the Detachment of patients.

Mrs. Mabel Boyer, mother of the honored soldier, had come out from the family home at Wierton, West Virginia, for a visit with her son and was rightfully proud of the young man as General De Witt pinned the medal on his chest.

Private Boyer enlisted in the army at Pittsburgh, Penn., on January 2, 1940 for the Coast Artillery Corps and was assigned to Fort DeRussy on the island of Oahu. He was there the morning of December 7th when the undeclared war was started and in action against the enemy he received the wound for which he was decorated last week.

The home address of Private Boyer is 239 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wierton, West Virginia.

One American steel company alone has more steel capacity than all of Germany.

One new airplane plant uses over 2,000 types of machine tools.



BRIGADIER GENERAL WALLACE DE WITT pinning Purple Heart Medal for "Meritorious Service" on Private Paul E. Boyer while his mother, Mrs. Mabel Boyer, of Wierton, W. Va., looks on.

GENERAL JOYCE TO HEAD 9TH C. A.

Major General Kenyon A. Joyce has been named Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, it was announced today by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

In taking over the highly important corps area post General Joyce relinquishes command of the IX Army Corps at Ft. Lewis, Washington, which he has held since October 25, 1940.

He assumes his new command at a time when the affairs of the Ninth Corps Area are of critical and increasing importance because of the vital role the corps area must play in protection against subversive interests, sabotage, evacuation of enemy aliens and defense against possible enemy raiding activity along the Pacific Coast.

General Joyce's selection at this time for his new post is made because of the qualities of leadership he demonstrated as Corps Commander both in the training of his troops and in operations, as well as his ability as a soldier, tactician, organizer and executive. His intimate

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UTILITIES DEPARTMENT UNDER POST ENGINEER ALWAYS BUSY

Everyone, at some time or another, has tried to be his own repairman in mending a worn light socket, fixing a leaky faucet, putting in another floor plug, setting in a new window glass, and some have even gone so far as to be his own contractor—laying a foundation, adding another room or renovating the attic. And many of these people, after bungling the job, have ended up doing what they should have done in the first place—called the man whose business it is to do such things.

That's one of the advantages of being a soldier—someone does it for you without the least bother or inconvenience to you, and at Letterman, hundreds of men are busy doing just these things every day, for a plant of this size requires constant attention and repair. All of the items of maintenance are done through the Post Utilities office, located in the east end of the reservation, over the office of the Quartermaster. Here a staff of clerks write up reports, procure supplies of every description, order material and handle work orders and requests for everything from odd jobs requiring only a few minutes time, to construction of complete buildings from foundation to roof. These duties formerly came under the post Quartermaster, but last December were assigned to the engineer corps by the war department, as the type of work was deemed more fitting to that unit.

Heading a crew of eighty civilans and over one hundred WPA employees, is Captain Wesley Covert, Engineer Corps, whose job it is to see that all plans for construction are drawn up correctly, that necessary repairs are made on grounds and buildings, that the proper orders are given to the various shop units, to sanction all utilities operation, to see that materials are properly used —he is head man of Post Utilities.

Requests made for repairs and construction are numerous and varied in scope, covering everything from the installation of windows to erecting buildings, and crews of specialized craftsmen with separate shops containing complete modern machinery, necessary to the work, are maintained. Plumbers, sheet metal workers, blacksmiths, carpenters, painters, electricians—there is every kind of tradesman and machinery connected with his trade located in shops adjoining each other in a long low building below the cleaning plant on the east end of the post. In one, the post smithy hammers out special parts for machinery, in another, metal sinks are repaired or made to order, the carpenter shop turns out special doors, windows and odd parts of wooden fittings, the electrical equipment and appliances and installs apparatus, painters mix their own paints and store them in their shop . . . thousands of separate jobs are attended to each year, so that the utilities of the hospital will function efficiently, for without them, the organization would soon become an inferior unit. Can you imagine what the result would be if the water supply was turned off, or damage done to the lighting system, or if the heaters wouldn't function? The answer to these queries should indicate of what importance the Utilities unit is on the post, for it is to their credit that never a letdown in service takes place.

And in addition to doing emergency odd jobs, of which some 8,000 were done last year, heavy construction, renovating or redecorating some building or room is always under way. At present some of the jobs include renovation of Letterman club, the service club barber shop, PX grill, installation of a laboratory in ward L-2, and modernization of the bakery. All of these projects, and more, are in full swing, but at the same time, men are available for any emergency job that comes up. These civilian employees are on call twenty-four hours a day, and it is their duty to report at any time of the night should there be need of them in restoring any damaged hospital facility to working order.

It may appear confusing that each department is doing a different job on the same project at the same time, but it is actually very simple. Assume a request for modernizing a laboratory has been sanctioned—that means plumbers, painters, carpenters, electricians and laborers will be needed, sheet metal workers will make the sinks, guards, etc. When an order of this kind is received, the work order is written up by Technical Sgt. Middleton. This sheet merely states the nature of the job, the various types of work contemplated, such as plumbing, carpentry, etc.—then each department involved is issued a duplicate. These orders are distributed by the construction supervisor, Mr. Arthur H. Christern, to the foreman of each shop required to participate. The foremen then make a survey of the job, so that they will know in advance the amount and types of material needed, the number of men necessary for the work, and the length of time it will take to do the job. When this is done, the foremen assign their crews, order the material, plans are drawn, and the work begins, each department cooperating with the other, yet each one doing it's own particular assignment for quick completion of the project.

Because so many extraordinary types of fittings and materials are used in hospital alteration and maintenance, a large warehouse with thousands of boxes and bins is kept stocked with every conceivable item of hardware and construction supplies, so that no delay will be caused by lack of materials.

An important function of the unit is to keep the post supplied with electric current, for which huge generators are in constant operation, and last year turned out over a million kilowatt hours. At present the system is producing direct current,

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Captain WESLEY E. COVERT, C. E.
Post Engineer in Charge of Utilities



UTILITIES OFFICE WORKERS, left to right: Procurement Clerk George Anderson, Sgt. Arthur Borselli, Pvt. Torcum Bedayan, Pvt. Ricardo Pearson, and Technical Sergeant Charles Middleton, non-commissioned officer in charge. And on the wall, as an old timer expressed it—the inevitable art calendar.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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but plans have been drawn and the machinery purchased to subtsitute alternating current, a more useful type of electricity for general use. Chief engineer Lupe Castor is in charge of the power plant and is responsible for the never ending service it gives. Mr. H. E. Van Buren is the assisting engineer.

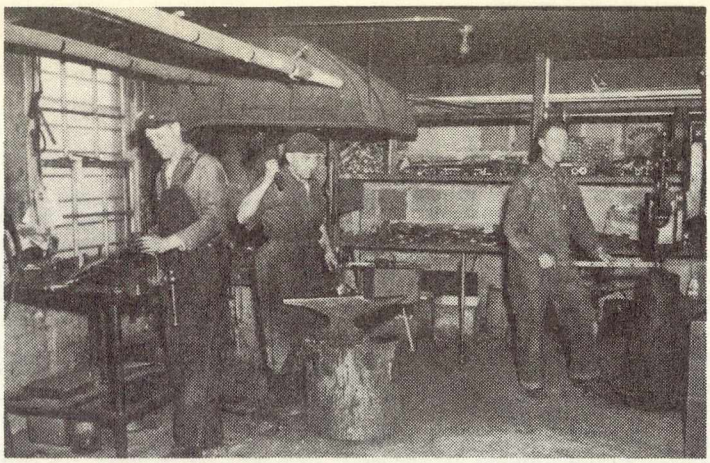
Last year, Post Utilities spent $265,000.00 fixing our door-knobs, repairing our lights, erecting our new buildings for nurses, keeping our buildings from leaking, making new walls, new roads, paths, keeping our surroundings painted bright and cheery, and making things just as dependable as possible for us in everything we use . . . and they'll keep on doing the same kind of work, because they know just how important their jobs are to the welfare of Letterman.

Captain Wesley Covert came to Letterman as Post Utilities Officer on January 1, of this year, after a varied career in the engineering field.

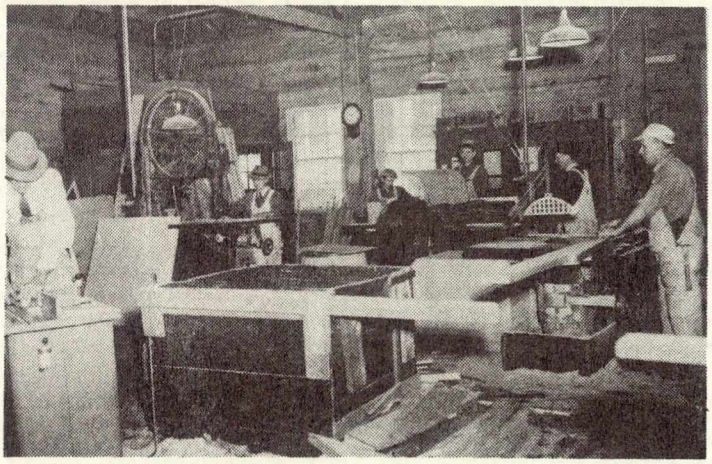
Born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1887, the Captain received his education in public schools of that city. In 1906 he entered the engineering field as chairman of a survey crew and subsequently educated himself, pouring over books after the day's work and garnering all information he could from experienced men. He soon became an engineer of some repute and engaged in railroad location and construction, and irrigation developments in the north, east and south portions of the United States until 1925, except for the time he took out to fight in 1917 and 1918 with the AEF, seeing service as an enlisted man in the great St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives.

Since that time, Capt. Covert has been employed as designing engineer of storm drains for the city of Los Angeles. In July, 1941, he was once again called to active duty—this time as assistant to the Zone Construction Quartermaster, Ninth Zone, and acted as liason officer for cantonment construction in the southern half of the territory.

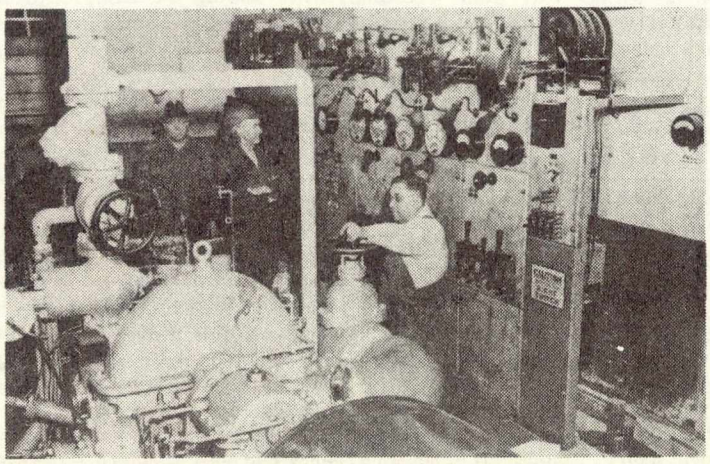
Capt. Covert's wide experience and practical outlook prove him the man to ably cope with the utilities problems of the post.



POST BLACKSMITH SHOP has no spreading chestnut tree, but turns out the work just the same. Left to right: John Brewer, Richard Mann, and Peter Nelson, Foreman.



CARPENTER SHOP CREW turning out doors, windows, and made-to-order fitting are, left to right: Mr. Wallace Smale, Foreman Billy Lyons, Thomas Cattadori, Herbert Henderson, Chester Lyons, and Thomas Poole.



CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR Arthur Christern poses in the background on the left, while Engineer H. E. Van Buren checks the gauges as Chief Engineer Lupe Castro turns a little more "juice" in the power plant.

Q. M. NEWS

Since the last appearance in this column the detachment has lost the services of two good men. Private Palmer has been transferred to Hamilton Field, and Private Wojciechowski (Murphy to you) has been transferred to Fort Mason. The detachment wishes the best of luck to both men in their new assignment.

Congratulations are in order to the following named enlisted men for recent promotion.

Pvt. Jack C. Shurtz promoted to Pvt. 1/cl.

Pvt. Albert J. Giovannetti, rated specialist 6th class.

Pvt. Arthur J. Corrasa, rated specialist 6th class.

Keep on plugging, fellows, the road to success is hard and long but remember a reward awaits those who strive to get ahead.

It appears as though a certain man in the detachment was born under an unlucky star for his continuous attempts to transfer to the Paratroops has been frustrated each time. Never mind, Bearse, keep a stiff upper lip and remember the old saying: If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again. Perhaps you wouldn't care for the Paratroops anyway. You know the grass always looks fresher and greener on the other side of the fence.

Heard around the barracks:

Gee I wish that I could get a transfer to Australia or some place in the Pacific so that I could get a crack at those yellow Japs. Well, we all know that most of us would go on a moment's notice if given the chance, but everybody can't get into the thick of the fight. We can do the next best thing though and that is to buy plenty of Defense Bonds and Stamps so that we can assure the boys over there that the best Planes and Guns, etc., are being sent to them.

Wanted: one good news columnist to replace, well we won't say who but it seems as though the hardest job assigned to anyone in the detachment is trying to write this column.

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ONE WAY—FORWARD

People may be divided into groups; those that are learning, and those that are forgetting: Those that know more each year, and those that know less with each passing year. There is no group that is stationary.

A small number increase in knowledge from within and grow from their own doing. These are the innate investigators. The rank and file require outside help to grow and progress. Books, meetings, contracts, discussions, teachers, and the like are the sources whence comes progress. Like the "spring tonic" of early days, all of us need some of this inspiration, at least annually, better if it comes more frequently. A large number know their failings and seek correction.

Things in nature are rarely static; they increase or decrease; they grow or decay; they move forward or go backward. Man's education in many respects resembles things of nature. Rarely is it static. When knowledge does not increase, it almost always decreases. All should remember this and make every effort to keep out of the retrogressive state.

In the matter of the war spirit we should quit thinking in terms of defensive action or defense this or that. That is retrogression. The time has come for offense, for progressive action, to quit digging in for the duration.

Let's break out and go forward.



Mrs. **Margaret Hickey** was made very happy a few days ago by the receipt of a letter from her sister, Miss **Eleanor O'Neill**, who is serving with the troops on Bataan Peninsula as a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

Captain **Emily H. M. Weder**, Asst. Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, and Supervising Nurse for the activities of the Ninth Corps Area, was a visitor from Salt Lake during the past week.

Miss **Catherine R. Wiley** joined the ranks of the newlyweds on Thursday afternoon of this week when she was joined in matrimony with Lieut. **John Wood, CAC.** in the Post Chapel at Fort Winfield Scott.

A long letter from Miss **Orah D. Stephenson**, assistant to the Chief Nurse at Camp Stewart, Georgia, brings the news of her arrival at her new station and gives evidence of enthusiasm over her surroundings.

The arrival of Miss **Liberty L. Lee** to report for duty as Reserve Nurse caused one of our poets to break out with—

Liberty Lois Lee
Has joined the A. N. C.
She came from Chi,
And without a sigh,
A Second Lieutenant to be.

The chief source of news for this column has decided to accept the oft repeated slogan "Serve in Silence" as her exit from reporting. She is not aware that she may be drafted.

Could be.

SULFANILAMIDE TABLETS IN FIRST AID KIT

Every American soldier who goes into a theater of operations is equipped with a package of sulfanilamide tablets that may some time spell the difference between life and death.

Twelve sulfanilamide tablets in a special spill-proof metal box, constituting an initial dose of the most effective chemical agent to prevent infection known to modern medical science, are a standard addition to the first aid equipment of all troops going into a combat area.

Serve in Silence

Branches of Army Emergency Relief To Be Organized At All Stations

Army Emergency Relief is an organization set up to be of immediate financial aid to soldiers, their dependents, honorably retired or discharged and their dependents and the dependents of deceased members of the Army of the United States. It is shorn of all red tape, and is designed to give immediate aid when and where the need arises.

The need for financial aid generally strikes suddenly and frequently $25 today will be of greater immediate help than $100 next week. Army Emergency Relief is designed to give that aid, promptly, when the need arises, and with the least amount of red tape and drawn out investigation procedure.

The officers of Army Emergency Relief are also officers of the War Department and Army Emergency Relief has a quasi-official status. The officers are: John J. Pershing, General of the Armies, honorary president; Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, chairman of the board; Robert P. Paterson, Under Secretary of War, president; John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, vice-president; Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air, vice-president. These officers serve Army Emergency Relief without pay.

Army Emergency Relief was founded to care for the increasing number of cases needing relief which are not handled by other agencies serving the Army. With the expansion of the Army and the increasing shifting of troops these relief cases became a morale factor. A soldier may be ordered to a new post before he can make financial arrangements for his family, then there arises an immediate and pressing need for financial help. That is where Army Emergency Relief steps into the picture. Through its officers stationed all over the nation, immediate steps can be taken to help the family, to tide it over until the soldier is able to resume his obligations or other relief agencies can assume the case.

Army Emergency Relief will get its funds from a program of special events conducted on its behalf by civilians and civilian organizations in every community in the nation. These events will depend upon public support for their success.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 5, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

PATRICIA ERVIN HAS BABY SISTER

When the stork alighted at the University of California hospital one morning last week he left behind six pounds six ounces of baby Betsy Ann Ervin to be the little sister of Patricia.

Captain and Mrs. C. E. Ervin are the parents of the new arrival but Pat has sort of taken over and the baby is all hers. As is to be expected, mother and baby are doing well.

MAJOR STEINHOFF TELLS THIS ONE

In a Psychopathic Hospital in Chicago there was a patient who was unusually reticent. He sat all day in a corner of a ward, his hat on his head, and evidenced no interest in his surroundings.

A visiting specialist essayed to break the silence and proceeded to question the patient. After several attempts with no results he asked: "If I should cut off your right ear what would happen?" The patient very promptly replied, "I could not hear."

Pleased with this success the specialist was quick to follow up his advantage with: "And now if I should cut off your left ear what would happen." And the patient answered: "I could not see."

"No, no," said the specialist, "Now listen carefully and think before you answer. If I should cut off your right ear what would happen?"

"I could not hear."

"Splendid. Now if I should cut off your left ear what would happen?"

"I could not see."

"Please—said the specialist—why is it that you cannot see if I cut off your ears?"

"Well," answered the patient, "YOU CUT OFF MY EARS AND MY HAT WILL GO DOWN OVER MY EYES AND I CANNOT SEE."

1st Sgt. Dull Tops Long List of Men Promoted in Grade

Thirty appointments for the enlisted personnel of the hospital were in order during the past week and they ranged from Staff Sergeant James E. Dull's advancement to the newly established post of First Sergeant of Detachment of Patients to nineteen appointments from Private to Private First Class. First Sergeant Dull was the non Commissioned officer in charge of the officers' ward at the time of his new assignment and has had sufficient experience in various departments of the hospital to be well qualified to handle the intricacies attached to the role of First Sergeant, Detachment of Patients.

Other advancements find Sergeant Kenneth C. Robbins raised to the Non-commissioned rank of Staff Sergeant, Corporals Charles A. Clark and Harold Lynch and Privates First Class Alfred A. Baer, Vachel E. Barton, Russell F. Cox, Errol C. Cropsey and Wiley J. Dunn, Jr. all appointed Sergeants. And completing the file of non-commissioned officer appointees were those of Privates First Class John W. Evans and Albert M. Hansen to the rank of Corporals.

Last but not least were the appointments of the following Privates to the grade of Privates First Class: Charles W. Black, John D. Barrow, Richard S. Brown, Anthony L. Domingos, Thomas E. Fletcher, James L. Gleeson, Paul F. Mottier, Stanley M. Pokusa, Thomas P. Clifford, Harold M. Junso, Alfred Klein, Ralph M. Mason, Rhea C. Stone II, Horace R. Birrell, Kermit F. Gombert, Guy W. Houchin, Moon J. Lee, Richard C. McCoy and Francis C. Monohan.

OUR EXCHANGES

The latest camp publication to reach our desk is "The Bulletin" published by the personnel of the Station Hospital at Camp Blanding, Florida. It is a mimeographed paper on which the ink is not spared and very easy to read.

We welcome "The Bulletin" and wish for it a long period of useful service to the patients and personnel of the Station Hospital at Camp Blanding.

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1st Sgt. JAMES E. DULL
Detachment of Patients

Tennis Tournament In Final Stages

The detachment enlisted men's tournament swept into final stages this week with the elimination of all but three of the contestants in competition for the miniature gold ball and chain to be awarded winner of the tourney—they are Staff Sgt. Irwin Halteman, Pvt. Paul Mottier and Pvt. Werner Blackstad. Sgt. Halteman and Pvt. Blackstad will compete sometime next week depending on weather conditions, and the victor of that match will meet Pvt. Mottier in a title play-off for championship of the detachment. Mottier drew a "by" in the finals, and so is automatically conceded entrance into the title match.

All of these men are strong aggressive players, and both matches should be of great interest from a spectator standpoint. Sgt. Halteman has shown the steadiest and most consistent playing in previous matches, while Mottier and Blackstad have reached the finals due to their fast service and trick place shots, which should make the final tilts highly colorful, particuliarly if the latter two should battle it out—this could happen if Halteman dropped his match to Blackstad.

A spirit of good sportsmanship and high interest has been displayed throughout the entire tournament. Not one match was forfeited because the entrant lost enthusiasm for the contest, and the eliminated contestants retired from play with nothing but smiles and good wishes for the victors.

Staff Sgt. Bell, director of the tourney, stated that such a large group of men have shown a high degree of enthusiasm, and consequently, another tournament will be initiated at the close of the present contest—this time it will be a doubles tournament, and teams of any two enlisted men may enter. Names of entering teams will be accepted by Sgt. Bell in his office at the Recreation Center beginning Monday, April 6. Suitable prizes will be chosen for the winning team.

Scores by which the present contestants eliminated their opponents follow: Halteman defeated Masterson, 6-2, 6-1; Mottier over Vandervoort, 6-8, 6-4, and 6-1; Blackstad over Harris, 6-1, 6-3.

MEDICAL DETACH

The prognostications made in the past in this column have maintained a steady thousand per cent to-date, and two more "look-sees" of the past to maintain this average are the marriages in the near future of Privates William L. Fuller and Everard V. Cruea. Possibly Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier and Corporal Merle C. West should consult their sports almanacs on the hows and whys of better sports forecasting. How about that?

Hobbies for two men of the Detachment during their "slack?" hours is scouting. Private William A. Portello, who has been acting Scout Master for Troop 77 of this city, has turned his job over to Private Elwood Kirschner until he completes his present course of study at the Professional Service School. Personally, I can't think of a more commendable work, and think that they both are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Corporal Merle C. "Windy" West is planning a new strategy for his next game with the ball club which handed the LGH ball club a 5 to 0 drubbing last week. "Even with 1941's best softball pitcher against us we'll lick 'em. And, boy, what a game it's going to be."

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell and Sgt. Ralph Gustafson anticipating their trip to Los Angeles.

Sgt. Richard S. Phillips all smiles on his return from a trip to the south and reporting everything under control down there—including the weather.

Pvt. Paul A. Koski fast asleep in his favorite chair in the Service Club each day before lunch—Ho-Humm!!

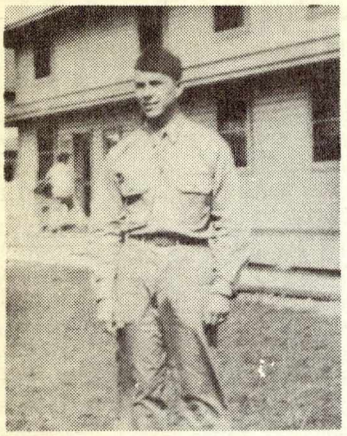
S/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin saving on tobacco by sticking a match stick in the end of his cigar to hold it a weee bit longer.

Sgt. Wiley P. Dunn in his new "suite" of rooms at the Recreation Center. It's Wuthering Heights for sure now, Wiley.

Private Ralph "Light-Arm" Mason no longer light-arm. Congratulations on those new stripes, Ralph!!!!

Private Stephen Bruzzone's hoot owl sound to Pvt. Theodore F. Clark every time he comes in late at night. That's a case for CQ Buzzone.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



FRANK P. FARSON
Private, Medical Dept.

Frank P. Farson was an expert window dresser in civilian life, and is still keeping in good practice—by "dressing" salads and desert dishes in the main diet kitchen of the hospital mess, where he has been since his arrival at Letterman last January.

Perhaps best known as the man who uses the service club as a study hall every evening in getting his lessons for Cooks and Bakers school, Pvt. Farson is a true student of culinary arts and enjoys his work in the kitchen immensely, where he is head man in handling cold dishes on diet lists.

Our Buck of the Week was born in 1918 in Truro, Iowa, attended public schools of that city, and later commuted to Des Moines for his high school education, graduating in 1937. Immediately after graduation, Pvt. Farson entered the employ of J. C. Penney department store as window dresser and advertising clerk and remained there until he answered the nation's call in August of 1941. Pvt. Farson was inducted at Des Moines and was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois for a three month training period, after which he was stationed at Letterman as a medical soldier, but grabbed the opportunity to become a cook.

Pvt. Farson likes Letterman, baseball, swimming, tennis and California—he is an athletic looking fellow and starred in basketball and baseball during his school days.

His ambition is "to know every recipe in the book," and at the rate he is studying now, it won't be long before he'll be known as "Mess Sergeant Farson, server of the best food in the army."

BPOE SPONSOR IN CARTOON TEST

Cartoonists among the enlisted personnel of the armed forces are to be recipients of cash prizes totalling upwards of $1500 it was announced this week in a communication to the editor of the FOGHORN from the chairman of the Elks War Commission in New York City. Many of the prize winning cartoons will be published in daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country as part of the national "WRITE 'EM A LETTER" program sponsored and financed by the Elks, the purpose of which is to promote increased correspondence between men in the service and their families and friends back home.

Under the rules of the contest, the creator of the best cartoon on the "WRITE 'EM A LETTER" subject submitted to the FOGHORN will be awarded a "local" prize of $10 and his drawing entered in the national competition for which cash prizes of $300, $200 and $100 will be awarded. Over 100 local prize winning entries are expected to be entered in the Grand Prize competition which will be judged by managers of leading newspaper syndicates.

The rules of the contest are as follows: Cartoons should convey the eagerness of the men to get letters from home and the delight with which they are received. The subject matter may be of either a serious or humorous nature, but must be in good taste. The original drawings should be either 8 x 10 inches or 12 x 15 inches actual size. Cartoons should be in pen and ink or crayon. The name, rank and unit of the artist must appear, reasonably small and legibly printed, in the lower left corner of the drawing. Each "local" winning cartoon becomes the property of the Elks War Commission upon the payment of the $10 "local" prize by the Elks War Commission to the winning artist.

A jury composed of Chaplain Harry A. Shuder and Captain Lewis Specker will judge the entries submitted to the FOGHORN and all entries should be submitted to the editor not later than April 25. The one best cartoon thus submitted will be forwarded to New York to be judged in the competition to determine the three best drawings submitted through the service newspapers throughout the country. Final judging will be completed on or about May 25th. The decision of the judges will be final.

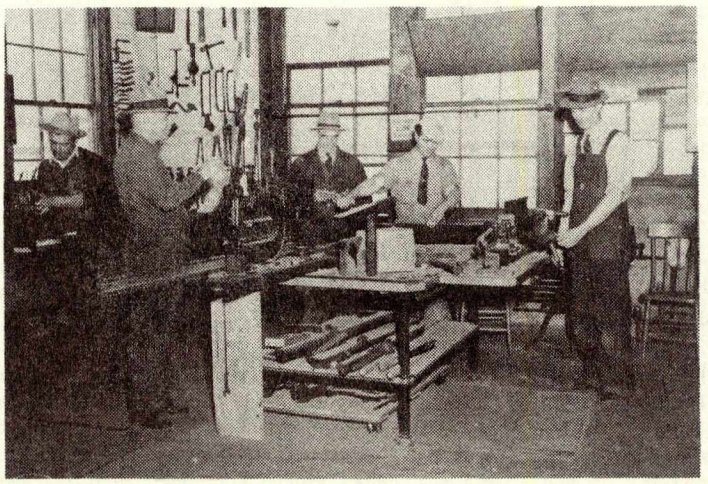
So here's a chance, men, to not only turn your cartooning talents into extra cash, but to take part in a national program designed to work to the advantage of every man in the service. Let's see a LETTERMAN man win the grand prize!

Non-stop transatlantic air service between the United States and Ireland is scheduled to begin in the spring.

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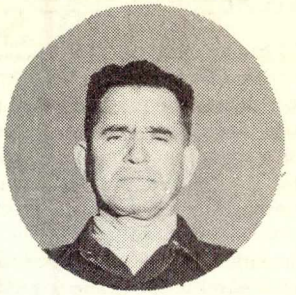
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PLUMBING AND Sheet Metal Shop crew, left to right: George Kyrros, Supervisor Arthur Christern, Fred Hammersly, Foreman Plumber; Joe Egan, and Myron Hoffman.

ON THE SPOT



1st Sgt. ANTONIO COMINSKI
Infantry, U. S. Army

If our fighting generalissimo in the Far East, Lieut. General Stillwell, ever suffers from burning of the ears these days or nights the explanation is that 1st Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Cominski is talking about him and singing his praises to all within hearing.

Tony is an old soldier from the 7th Division, the former command of the general, and he is in a state of elation most of the time for the reason that he feels the general is a personal friend. Anyone who knows "Joe" Stillwell will believe Tony is correct in his estimate of the situation.

It was in 1917 that Tony decided to become a man at arms and his selection was the 6th Field Artillery of the First Division. He was soon imbued with the spirit of the famous "Fighting First" and remained in continuous service from World War I to World War II.

He has served with the Field Artillery, the Ordnance Dept., and the Infantry and in his twenty four years of service with the army he became an excellent soldier. Attention to duty has ever been his motto and while on one occasion he took time out to get married his principal occupation is the military profession.

About six months ago he was the victim of a long range bullet and he is still recovering from its effect. It is doubtful if he will ever go back to duty ever though that is his ardent wish. He has earned retirement in the quarter of a century of service characterized in those words of highest commendation—Honest and Faithful.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The following sergeants of the schools were made staff sergeants on April 1, 1942: Wilber K. Selvey, LeRoy R. Sixberry, Howard B. Dow, and Albert H. Kachner.

The following-named enlisted men were reduced to the grade of private and appointed technicians 4th grade: Sergeants: Delmar E. Carlson, Frederick L. Essen, Herman R. Knoller, Jennings Lyon, Walter Sambur, Clovis L. Walker, and Paul A. Wright. The following-named specialists were disrated and promoted to technicians 4th grade: Privates First Class: Allen R. Crampton, Allen R. Greendale, and Robert J. Ransom.

Privates First Class Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., and Benjamin T. Shedoudy were appointed Corporals, and Privates Nathan Edelstein and Donald E. Stone were promoted technicians 5th grade.

Sergeant Delmar E. Carlson, enlisted instructor of the surgical school, has been confined to the hospital for over one week now, and is expecting to get out momentarily.

There are now three marriages to occur during the month of April, according to previous reliable sources, and all of them within a few days apart. Duty personnel being married are Sergeant Delmar E. Carlson, Corporal Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., and Private Everard V. Cruea.

Technical Sergeant Charles R. Reuther was appointed 1st sergeant of the duty personnel and enlisted instructors' section of the Special Service Schools. 1st Sergeant John T. Young and Corporal Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., will take care of all duties and orders and bookkeeping of students enrolled at these schools.

One large company has made plans to salvage some four million pounds of waste paper this year.

Sales of honey, molasses and maple syrup are increasing as a result of the sugar shortage.

Pearl Harbor Casualties O.K. Use of Blood Plasma

SAN FRANCISCO — He was lying there quietly in the surgical ward of a naval hospital near San Francisco. Only his head on the slightly raised pillow moved . . . moved a little to bring it closer to the cigarette a pal was holding for him. He took his drag, then said slowly, deliberately:

"The first three or four nights after I was burned they were ready to pack me out with my head covered, but they kept shooting that blood plasma into me and all of a sudden I began to pick up.

"The doc says that's what pulled me through—and I'm ready to believe him."

Those were the words of Albert James Heick, 19, son of Mrs. Marie Heick of San Francisco. Fireman Second Class Heick had been burned beyond recognition at Pearl Harbor December 7, burned beyond belief that he could recover.

He is only one of 150 men in the same naval hospital whom plasma saved or helped to save.

Neither one pint nor two pints, but 11 quarts of precious plasma, the doctor's report shows—were injected into his veins. For three long weeks he lay on his face and stomach, unable to eat, unable to move. For three weeks he was fed intravenously and given one transfusion after another.

But today, with a grin as wide as a house, Albert James Heick smokes the cigarette his pal holds for him, chats about "how the devil they ever pulled me out of it," wonders out loud when he can get back on the business end of a 16-inch gun.

Plasma has proven invaluable in all serious burn cases, in many shock cases and even—as a temporary stop-gap—in scores of bad bleeding cases, according to Commander William E. Walsh, in charge of the surgical cases from Pearl Harbor in the naval hospital here.

Plasma transfusion time, he pointed out, is five minutes at the most from kit to wounded man, while whole blood transfusion time is 45 minutes from donor to wounded man at the least.

"In critical cases of burn or shock, and these cases were critical, the loss of 40 minutes would almost always be fatal," he said.

Another of the 150 youths at the hospital to whom plasma has been a godsend is Samuel F. Bowen, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen, who live on their farm just out of Big Prairie, Ohio.

"I'd been brought back from Pearl Harbor and taken to my second hospital before I even knew what had hit me," Sam Bowen chuckled.

His plasma injections totalled nearly eight quarts.

Proud of his new quarter-inch stand of hair on a head once burned bald, he rubbed his head thoughtfully and said:

"For a long time the closest I came to consciousness was dreaming—big green animals and green women. Boy, were those women beautiful. . . . My folks stood in the doorway once and I talked to them, in my dreams. . . .

"Yeah, the women were beautiful, all right," he said, "but I'll take this." And he rubbed his new stand of hair again.

—Reprinted from American Red Cross News Service

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

APRIL 5:

CADET GIRL—Carol Landis and George Montgomery. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 7:

YOU BELONG TO ME—Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 8:

TEXAS — William Holden and Claire Trevor. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 9:

TIME OUT FOR RHYTHM—Rudy Valle and Ann Miller. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 10:

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER—Bette Davis and Robert Woolery. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 11:

LAW OF THE TROPICS—Jeffery Lynn and Constance Bennett. Also Short Subjects.

A total of 142 million packed boxes of citrus fruits was produced in the United States during the 1940-41 season.

A new fabric made from the short fibers of redwood bark combined with wool will soon be manufactured.

Sign outside of one large war production plant: "We have been asked for the impossible. Let us do it, as usual."

MP Nine Bows to Letterman Team In Thursday Game

The Letterman softball team swept on to their second win this season in the Presidio Softball League by soundly trouncing the 534th Military Police battalion squad by a score of 10-2 last Thursday on Presidio fieild. The Medics began a hitting streak in the third inning and obtained a six run lead which was easily held and bettered as the contest went on.

Pitcher Andre Pascal, lanky hurler for the detachment, held the MP's to only four hits throughout the game, and made many of the opposing batters look very weak, in spite of the fact that the MP's are reputed to be excellent at swinging the bat. Pascal was given perfect support at all times by the infield. Not one error was made, and the hospital team showed superiority at all times, completely outclassing their opponents in hitting as well as fielding. Outstanding contributors to the easy win last Thursday were Giovanetti, third baseman of wide experience and Milton Carlson, outfielder who garnered three hits in as many trips to the plate, crossing the home base twice.

In spite of the high score, hitting is still the weakest point of the home team, and Coach Windy West, peppery short stop, stressed that it has not been evident just because they have faced no really strong pitcher. He promises to work hard on that weakness in coming practices.

Box score follows:

Letterman	A.B.	H	R	E
Giovanetti, 3B	3	1	1	0
Markoff, 2B	4	2	2	0
Carlson, CF	3	3	2	0
Haverty, C	3	1	1	0
Norris, 1B	3	0	0	0
Morey, LF	3	2	1	0
Perry, RF	3	1	1	0
West, SS	1	0	0	0
Jarvi, SF	3	1	1	0
Pascal, P	2	1	2	0
Totals	28	12	10	0
MP Totals	424	4	2	3

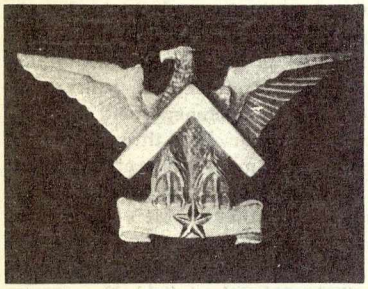
(Letterman reserves: Dotseth, Lynch, Craig, Michavilla.)

For a time after its founding the New York Stock Exchange had only an outdoor meeting place—under a tree.

One supplier is now branding the owner's initials on new "ration" automobile tires.

EMBLEM OF HONOR TO MOTHERS WITH FOUR IN SERVICE

The Emblem of Honor Association will award free to any mother having four or more sons serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard an Emblem of Honor bearing one star for each son in service of country.



The Emblem of Honor is a very attractive Electro-Gold plated pin composed of the eagle, the Chevron, the Scroll, and the Star. It is the Emblem that is being spontaneously adopted by the Homefolks to signify that there are loved ones serving our nation in our armed forces. Mothers, fathers, sisters, wives, and sweethearts of service men are eligible to wear the Embler of Honor.

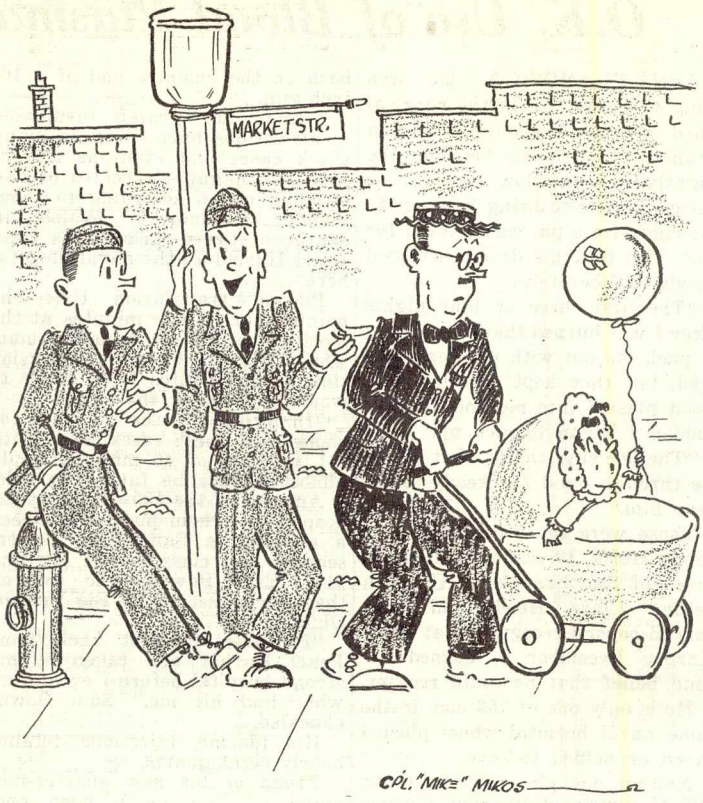
The Emblem of Honor Association of New York desires to award one of these Emblems to every mother who has given four or more sons to service in the armed forces. Those who may qualify for the award or those who may be interested in the Emblem of Honor may address the Emblem of Honor Association, care Landseaire Service, 10 Murray Street, New York, N. Y.

ALL THE LETTERS

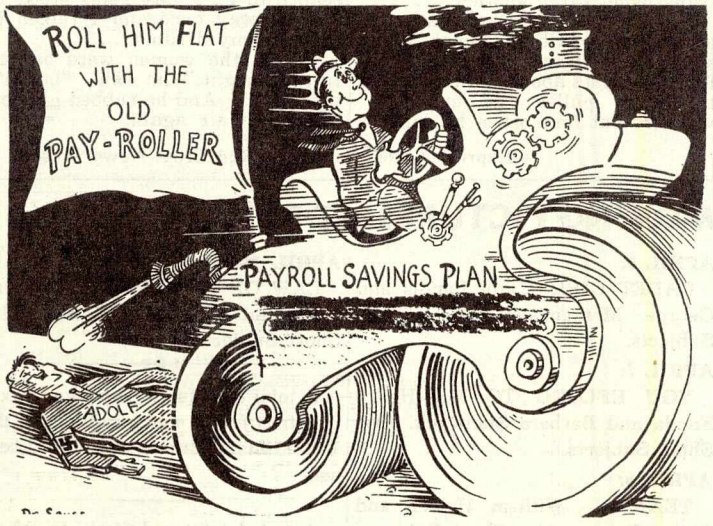
There are all kinds of stories about Army officers who have to mumble their way through long, involved names in calling the roll. Not many of them can dispose of a difficult situation as easily as Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Foley, of Keesler Field, Mississippi. Distributing mail in his squadron, Sergeant Foley came across a letter addressed—he spelled out the last name in his mind: N-I-E-D-S-P-O-N-D-Z-I-A-N-Y. Hesitating no further, he called out, "Alphabet!" and Private George S. Niedspondziany walked up to take the letter.

The average tractive power of railroad locomotives has increased almost 40 per cent in the past 20 years.

ONE SMILE By CPL. 'MIKE' MIKOS



"He's calling his kid 'Weather-Strip,' since it kept him out of the DRAFT."



GENERAL JOYCE

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knowledge of the military situation existing in the Western Theater of Operation, General DeWitt states, makes it especially fortunate that he has been selected for the Corps Area Command, as it will assure continuity in the command relationship so essential to the efficient functioning of the Western Defense Command.

PROMOTION FOR LGH OFFICERS

By direction of the President, the Secretary of War has announced the promotion of three officers of the Letterman staff to advanced rank in the Army of the United States.

Lieut. Colonel Dell S. Gray, D. C., Chief of the Dental Service is promoted to Colonel, Major Emmett D. Litteral, M. C., Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Section, becomes a lieutenant colonel, and Captain Donald E. Casad, M. C., has been advanced to Major.

Congratulations are in order and extended to the officers named.



To Captain and Mrs. Paul Bellamy, Coast Artillery, a son, Thomas Frank, weight seven pounds, fifteen ounces, born March 5, 1942.

To Captain and Mrs. Samuel W. Breger, Medical Corps, a daughter, Donna, weight seven pounds, born March 28, 1942.

To Major and Mrs. Joseph G. Focht, Air Corps, a daughter, Carla Joan, weight seven ponds, five ounces, born March 29, 1942.

The world's total stock of radium, valued at $18,000,000, amounts to about two pounds.

According to one estimate, about 500,000 tons of scrap rubber can be reclaimed annually in the United States for several years.

The U. S. chemical industry, which is already making more explosives than were produced at the peak of the first World War, will double the size of its current production this year.

During the last war the United States had to obtain 42 strategic materials from foreign sources. Research has contributed to national self-sufficiency to the point where today there are only 14 such materials on the list.

A patent has just been issued for nylon automobile tires.

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PROPER ADDRESS NECESSARY FOR MILITARY MAIL

Specific instructions regarding the addressing of mail to soldiers serving outside the United States have been issued by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

It was emphasized that some mail is not being delivered despite every effort of the Army and the Post Office Department because letters are not being properly addressed.

Before each soldier leaves the United States he is told what his Army Post Office number will be and he knows what his regiment is. This information is sent by him to those with whom he expects to correspond.

The additional essential element is that letters be sent care of the postmaster handling the mail bound for that unit.

Thus the correct form of address for soldiers serving in the Far East would be:

Private Albert Smith
Company B
908th Infantry Regiment
A. P. O. No. 53
Care of Postmaster, San Francisco

In the case of troops serving in Alaska, the same form should be used except that the letter should be sent, **"Care of Postmaster, Seattle."**

For troops serving in the European zone, mail should be similarly addressed, but **"Care of Postmaster, New York."**

Letters should be written on only one side of the paper so that if anything is deleted by the censor it will not ruin what might be written on the other side.



COLONEL DELL S. GRAY, D. C.
New Chief of the Dental Service, Letterman General Hospital

NEW TECHNICIANS RATINGS ARE NOW IN GOOD USE

April 1st began the classification of all members of the detachment holding specialist ratings from first to fourth classes inclusive and which placed them in one of three groups under the new rating system: Technician, third grade, Technician, fourth grade or Technician, fifth grade. Present fifth and sixth specialist ratings will continue to be used until June 30th at which time complete dissolution of "specialist ratings" will have become effected.

A technician ranks just under the non-com of the same grade, receives the same pay and is addressed in the same manner—as Sergeant or Corporal, as the case may be.

Men who have been re-rated are:

TECHNICIAN, 3RD GRADE



Jack A. Anderson, James R. Lewis, William H. Day and John A. Harrel.

TECHNICIANS 4TH GRADE



Charles E. Vandervort, Charles E. Wilcox, Edward G. Brant, Charlie D. Layne, Maurice E. Bristow, George R. Dahl, Charles M. Eames, Ted A. Griset, Paul T. Jenkins, Lowell D. Jenkins, Solomon Katz, Robert L. Mathers, Charles E. Mulkey,

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LETTERMAN INTERNES ARE THE PICK OF THE CROP

That old saw about a man's work being from sun to sun, "but a woman's work is never done," might well be changed to read " . . . an internes work is never done." . . . for that is one phase of a doctor's life where his actual working hours are twenty four hours a day for the 365 days of his interneship and in which such a thing as a vacation is never even whispered about—and the internes at Letterman are no exception, in fact, the adage might apply even more so to these men than to internes practicing in a public institution. Army internes are under the same observation by their superiors as are West Point cadets—if they flunk their courses, they fail in the objective, but if they pass, they have achieved what they set out to attain. The objective is the same for both, that is, a commission in the regular army of the United States, an honor never gained without diligent study and plenty of hard work.

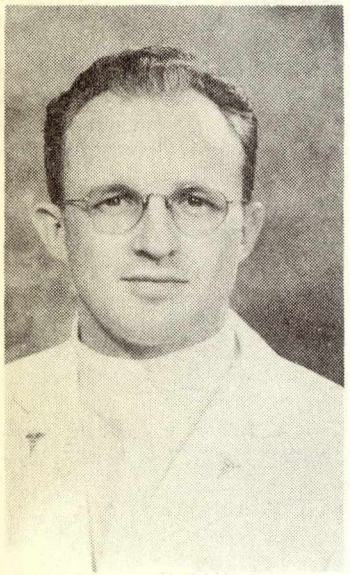
This is perhaps the main reason why our internes are training and practicing here—because they want to become officers in the medical corps of the regular army in the quickest possible time. Internes are privileged to enter the regular service, after successful completion of a year's work and a stiff examination, without entering the Reserve Corps first. They were given the opportunity to work here because they made outstanding grades in college and medical school, and because they were judged over scores of other applicants to be the best fitted for commissions in the army.

Selection of internes for Army hospitals is a difficult ask, for only about fifty percent of the applicants can be chosen, as there are only four army hospitals in the country where internes are employed, and the number is necessarily limited to a select few. The best medical students from United States make application for the finest medical schools in the entrance to one of these four hospitals as internes, and from this group, the ones with the best records, ability, leadership qualities, character and health are chosen to receive their first practical medical experience in an army institution. Upon graduation from medial school, they apply to the surgeon general in Washington, stating their qualifications, and from a detailed study of the applicants records, the surgeon general's office appoints the selected candidates, and if possible, assigns them to the hospital they choose to enter. It is then that the real work begins—work that makes previous tough college days seem like a vacation in comparison. They must be available for duty twenty-four hours daily and it is often that they are required to work that length of time, for the professional medical man's hours are every minute of the day when patients are in need of attention. Fate does not regulate suffering and sickness and accidents to agree with an eight hour day.

The present class of internes entered Letterman last June to put into practical application what they had spent so many years of their lives studying, and they find it to be the most interesting part of their medical education. Each one of them has spent seven or eight years in specialized fields, pouring over books 'till late hours of the morning for months on end, applying themselves to theis studies with zealous concentration, learning old theories and keeping up with the new, so that when they got to the place where they could use that knowledge, they would be ready and capable.

Letterman internes are not assigned to any definite service, but spend one part of their year here at each of the services in the hospital. One time they are busy in medical service, another time they assist in surgical service, and so on, rotating assignments each month. Obstetrics and Laboratory work require two months training, and when they are assigned to one of these services, they must double in their duties and cover another type of work in addition, so that two months experience in one department will not cause them to miss service in another field. It is not until they have rounded out their knowledge of every ser-

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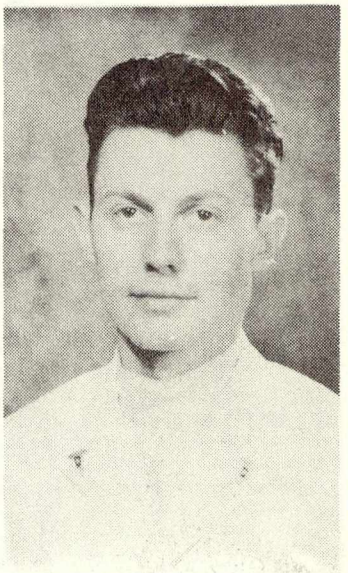
CHARLES H. RANSOM
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. CHARLES H. RANSOM, a native of Napa, Calif., was a student of Modesto High School and Junior College and received upper division college work at Stanford and the University of California. Dr. Ransom went to Washington University Medical School in St. Louis for his specialized training.



GILBERT A. TWICHELL
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. GILBERT A. TWICHELL, was born in Chicago, which is in Illinois, where he attended the Lane Technical High School and the North Park College. He had a year at Northwestern and then took his degree in Medicine at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.



JOHN A. DUTHIE
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. JOHN A. DUTHIE, born in Livingston, Montana, attended high school at Cheyenne High, traveled to Iowa State for his college training and later enrolled in Harvard Dental School to receive his DDC degree.



GERHARD T. SHEARER
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. GERHARD T. SHEARER, a native of Chicago, Illinois, received high school education in Steubenville, Ohio, and subsequently entered Ohio State University for pre-medical as well as medical school.

LETTERMAN INTERNES

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vice that they are allowed to specialize—and that is at the end of their interneship and they have been honored with a commission.

The duties of an interne are varied and many. There is always one of them on medical emergency call, and one on surgical emergency, ready to be on the job on a second's notice; they assist the ward officers in their daily rounds, and are on duty whenever anything is going on in the service to which they are attached,



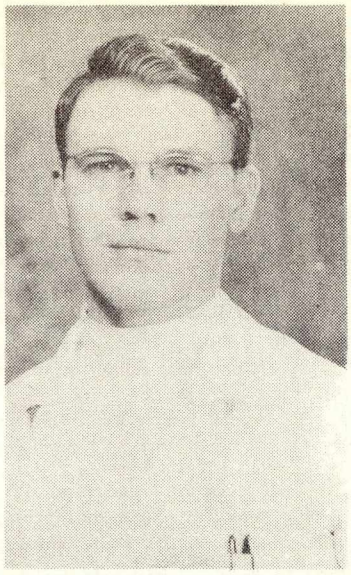
DONALD L. BRUBAKER
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. DONALD L. BRUBAKER was born in Waggoner, Illinois attended high school at Litchfield, Illinois and Universitiy of Illinois Medical School.

assisting in operations, dressing wounds, in orthopedic work and in every type of medical, surgical and laboratory work done in the hospital.

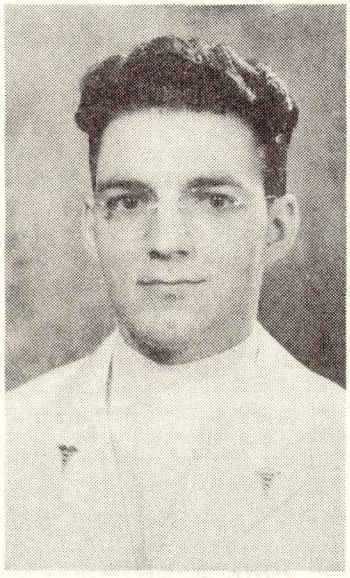
They want to be accepted as officers in the regular army, and must have shown during the year that they have the necessary qualities of a good officer—leadership abilitiy, loyalty, sense of justice, confidence, courage—it takes more than a knowledge of medicine to make a good medical officer, and that is their goal.

It might seem that after all this work and study, a young doctor would use his knowledge and skill to the end that he could have a luxurious home, regular office hours, the freedom to travel wherever desired, a large bank account and an opportunity to retire at an early age—but that isn't what these hard working internes are striving for. Before next June when they have finished their work as internes and have the right to private practice, the board will notify those whom they consider will make the best army officrs, and each one of our internes is praying that he will be among those selected—not for the money, because no one ever got rich in the army, but because there is



WILLIAM C. DOAK
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. WILLIAM C. DOAK came here after graduating from University of Iowa Medical School, as well as Iowa University. He was born in Newton, Iowa and attended the local high school of the same name.



FRANCIS A. ANDERSON
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. FRANCIS W. ANDERSON addresses his letters home to Ray, Ohio, where he graduated from high school, later attending Ohio State College and Medical School before entering Letterman.



EDWARD P. SHANNON, JR.
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. EDWARD P. SHANNON, a native of Middleton, Connecticut, attended Brooklyn Prep School in New York, and is a graduate of Holly Cross in Massachusetts and the University of Maryland Medical School.

a deep sense of satisfaction that comes from being an army medico . . . . a feeling that is the reward for hard work at a useful humane task . . . . a feeling that money can't buy.

New clothes will be short on zippers, buckles and other metal ornaments. Most of the buttons that are used will be made of wood, bone and spun glass.

Sales of natural gas last year were 19 per cent over the 1940 total, the biggest increase on record.



FRANCIS W. LANARD
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. FRANCIS W. LANAARD was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from high school in Olney, Pa., and received degrees from University of Pennsylvania and Hahneman Medical School.



ROBERT H. FINLEY, JR.
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

DR. ROBERT H. FINLEY, although born in Omaha, Nebraska, attended Coronado High School, San Diego and San Jose State colleges in California, but returned to finish up at Nebraska Medical School.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BATAAN

The skies are gray in San Francisco this morning as the ether waves bring us the news of the fall of Bataan Peninsula. Once again is emphasized the folly of getting anywhere too late with too little.

Even in defeat we can be proud of the courageous stand made by the American and Filipino forces these long months against overwhelming odds. The enemy had made a correct estimate of the situation and met it with adequate preparation. For years our strategists had made an equally correct estimate of the same situation but we had to wait until the public mind had been educated to give approval through legislative action and necessary appropriation.

Gone is the day when the little yellow, brown, black, or red men will retreat in disorder at the lusty "Boo" of the white master. Gone is the day when any of the supposed overlords of civilization may publicly announce their ability to wipe up any navy in the world before breakfast on any morning of the week except Sunday. The little yellow man took advantage of the exception once and now he knows he can do it on week days as well.

We may as well face the cold facts that up to now we have been fighting a losing war. It is high time to start fighting a winning war. We can do it; we will do it.

Not you or I, BUT WE.

Japanese officials warned the people to expect a long war. But there is hope. It probably will not be as long as they expect.



The latest addition to the Army Nurse Corps Reserve reported for duty during the past week in the person of Miss Ruth Jane Burby, who is a native of Nevada by birth but a San Franciscan by adoption. She graduated from Lowell High School and went on to study at the University of California where she took the degree of Bachelor in Nursing Education and then completed her training at the University of California Hospital.

There should be a lot of news about the personnel of our nursing staff but the difficulty is getting some one to speak for publication even without being quoted by name.

Anyhow, that's all for this week.

The lazy fellow gets a little break in this present topsy-turvy world. A Home Defense expert has pointed out that a washed and polished auto makes a much better target for air raiders than a dirty, dingy one. That is something to tell the wife.

Invisible plastic splints are now being used on broken wrists.

WAR BONDS

The campaign to encourage the buying of War Bonds and Stamps received local impetus when Captain Lemuel R. Williams, acting Post Exchange Officer, yesterday placed the first of the War Stamps on sale at the Cashier's window. Miss Betty O'Connor, of the exchange staff, was at the head of the line to make the first purchase and a brisk sale followed her good example.

The Commanding General has designated Chaplain Harry A. Shuder as the officer to arrange for the regular purchase of the bonds and stamps on the part of the personnel and patients in the hospital. Announcement will be made at an early date on the procedure to be followed in the buying of the bonds and stamps.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Alfred Little, Fort W. Scott, California ,a daughter, Judith Ann, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces, born March 31, 1942.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Boyd H. Pulley, Fort W. Scott, California, a son, Douglas Boyd, weight seven pounds, seven ounces, born April 1, 1942.

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. Willett Ware, Moffett Field, California, a son, Roger, weight eight pounds, two ounces, born April 2, 1942.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Charles E. Mulkey, Letterman Hospital, a daughter, Phyllis Jean, weight eight pounds, two ounces, born April 2, 1942.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Isaac B. Hamm, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Anthony Burks, weight nine pounds, two ounces, born April 6, 1942.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

APRIL 12:
MOON OVER HER SHOULDER—John Sutton and Lynn Barry. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 14:
ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN—Frederick March and Martha Scott. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 15:
SWEETHEARTS OF THE CAMPUS—O. Nelson and Harriet Hilliard. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 16:
THE RICHEST MAN IN TOWN—Frank Craven and Irene O'Hara. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 17:
LOUISIANA PURCHASE — Bob Hope and Zorina. Also Short Subjects.

APRIL 18:
MEN IN HER LIFE — Lorreta Young and Conrad Veidt. Also Short Subjects.

Magnesium, vital war metal, is being produced from sea water. One cubic mile of water provides 90,000,000 pounds of metal.

Serve in Silence

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, April 12, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

NEW CHIEF OF THE DENTAL SERVICE

Colonel Dell S. Gray, Dental Corps, U. S. Army, who recently became the Chief of the Dental Service at Letterman General Hospital, is a native of Des Moines, Iowa, where he lived until he was ten years old, and then moved with his family to Kansas City.

The colonel attended the Central High School in that city and later graduated from the Western Dental College in the same place. He received his commission from the Western Dental College in the same place. He received his commission in the Dental Corps in September 1917 and went to Camp Funston for his first station. From there he was assigned to General Hospital No. 21 at Denver, Colorado, and that institution later was named Fitzsimons General Hospital in honor of Lieut. Fitzsimons who was the first Medical Officer killed in World War I.

Colonel Gray served overseas in France and Germany during and after the war. In the following years he had a tour of six years at Selfridge Field, and a tour of the same length at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a graduate of the Field Service Medical School at Carlisle and served a tour of duty at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu before coming to Letterman General Hospital in 1939.

Colonel Gray became Chief of the Dental Service here on February 19, 1942.

The world's total stock of radium valued at $18,000,000 weights about two pounds.

Last year long distance phone calls to Washington increased 83 per cent over 1940.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

1st Sergeant John T. Young and Staff Sergeant Le Roy Sixberry went on detached service during the early part of this week to Springfield, Missouri. Both are due back soon.

Other duty personnel of the schools on detached service includes Technicians 4th Grade Paul A. Wright and Clovis L. Walker. Walker and Wright went to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

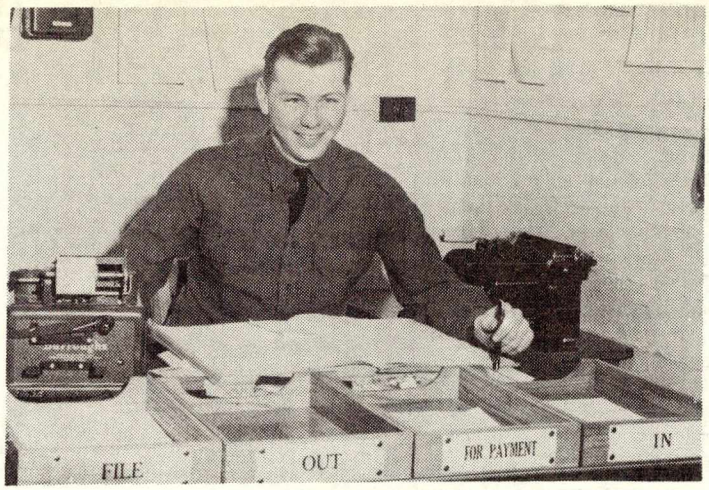
Technician 4th Grade Herman R. Knoller, charge of quarters of the school, went home for a couple of days to spend the holidays with his folks who reside in Venice, California. Knoller had not seen his friends and relatives at Venice for nearly 10 months, and reported having a grand time attending services with folks and renewing old acquaintances.

Since beginning of the week, all non-commissioned officers of the schools have had to drill, no matter what kind of work they perform. Most of them have not much previous practice and it is quite comical the way they get tangled out there in the drill field when they receive commands. Among some of the green men are Corporals Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., and Benjamin T. Shedoudy; Technician 5th Grade Donald E. Stone; and Technicians 4th Grade Robert J. Ransom and Allen E. Greendale, and Allen R. Crampton.

Quite a number of men have already received invitations to the wedding of Corporal Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., and Miss Bessie V. Prehn, which is to take place at 12:30 p. m., April 26, at the Laurel Methodist Church of Oakland, California. Miss Prehn is from Oakland, Calif., where she has been employed for the past three years and Corporal Rozadilla, company clerk of the schools since their opening, is from Vallejo's vicinity. Both will live here in San Francisco.

Your retrieving reporter has overheard the following remarks: Private Everett Deeds worrying about all our modern airplanes and trying to remember each one by name . . . Ransom still holding to his old slogan . . . Sergeant Kachner looking for a new girl . . . Technician 5th Grade Donald E. Stone looking up his little Mexican girl-friend and then talking about her all day . . . Technician 4th Grade Allen E. Greendale coming in late, and to think that he used to go to bed at 8:00 and 9:00 at night, BEFORE! . . . Corporal Shedoudy making a hit with the girls at the officers' mess, especially a certain blond . . . Private Everard V. Cruea worrying about his coming marriage . . . and all the fuss they make about 45 minutes of drill each day.

LETTERMAN'S ONLY ORPHAN



CLYDE L. LESTER
Tech. 5th Grade, Finance Dept.

Clyde L. Lester, born in Vancouver, Washington, in 1916, spent his entire life, prior to enlisting in the armed services of the Government, in the Columbia River basin territory of the Northwest. According to Corporal Lester the greatest part of that time was spent at Washougal, Washington—translation of the Indian names means "clear water"—and with the completion of his formal education at Washougal High School he set forth to see the world, and to make his impression in it.

The Naval recruiting posters in Seattle, Washington seemed to offer the solution for at least a part of his problem. He enlisted in 1935 but neither saw the world nor completed his first enlistment; all fourteen months were spent at Seattle until he was returned home on a dependency dischare. However, a year's work on the Grand Coulee and Bonneville Dam sites settled the financial difficulties at home and Lester returned to the service, this time in the Army.

From October, 1937 until April, 1941 Corporal Lester was on duty in Hawaii. Part of the time was spent in the Coast Artillery Service at Fort Ruger, and part of the time on Detached Service. In April he returned to the mainland and was stationed at Fort McDowell in the Quartermaster Corps. In October, 1941 a transfer to the Finance Office at Letterman Hospital became effective and he has remained here since that time.

Under the jurisdiction of Lieutenant Arthur C. Small, Finance Officer here at the hospital, Corporal Lester claims the distinction of being Chief and only clerk in this department and to the best of his knowledge it is the only finance office in this area with an enlisted staff of one. Payrolls, final statements, cash books and filing all fall into his hands for attention. And quoting Lester, "for such a cut-and-dried matter as figures, there's never a dull moment."

Still obsessed with a strong wanderlust, Corporal Lester satiates his desires to see what is beyond the horizon by extenive reading. On June 7, 1941 he married Miss Margery Roberts, of Eagle, Idaho and his new environment leaves him but visionary travel plans for the future, but, "there is no harm in reading, and who knows, maybe someday we will be able to take those trips."

As Lester is the sole enlisted man of the Finance Department on duty at Letterman Hospital it makes him our only orphan but we try to treat him right.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the men among the recently appointed Technicians who were upped in grade and also the men of the detachment who received appointments to the non-commissioned ranks of Sergeants and Corporals. New NCO appointees are: Merle Frazee, Rosco J. Willey, Merle C. West, Irving C. Weill, William C. Ponting and Nels K. Berg, Sergeants, and Robert L. Patterson, James J. Crowe and Nels L. Allison, Corporals.

Now that members of the Detachment have become more "exercise" conscious arrangements have been made to extend as many different sports facilitieis to them as possible. The YMCA and Presidio gymnasiums are well equipped and we at Letterman are entitled to make use of them. 1st Sgt. John J. Barr announces that a Golf tournament is being planned, the Presidio Golf Course is open to enlisted men each Monday and the driving range every week day. Also S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell announces that the doubles tennis tournament is in the process of being drawn up and those interested should contact him—and soon.

See Chaplain Shuder for your Defense Bonds.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The LGH softball team playing heads-up ball—DeMello making up in "the old pepper," argument and speed what he lacks in size—Haverty playing with his shoes on and getting his usual "homer"—Pascal really getting around those bases, and he is no small man—Chaplain McKenna, backing up the boys on a close "one."

The gift Sgt. Jefferson A. Casserly received from the members of the Message Center when he was transferred to another department—ribbons, tissue paper and all the trimmings.

S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell deciding that history does repeat itself—at least in the love and war departments—His girl from the North just scored a complete victory over his girl from the South.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ROY F. COOK
Private, Med. Dept.

Roy F. Cook, currently a night man on ward N-1, came to Letterman in January of 1941 after a long and varied career in the popular music field, having been a lyrics writer, composer, member of Benny Goodman's band and other celebrated orchesras and leader of his own band.

Pvt. Cook was born in New York city in 1913 and attended an up-state preparatory school, enrolling later in the Cinncinnati Conservatory of Music, where he studied for a period of six years. Benny Goodman came along in 1934 and accepted Cook as second saxophonist—Jimmy Dorsey played first saxophone at that time, and the two formed a warm friendship that still exists.

Our Buck formed his own outfit in 1936 and played in the large cities of the south, but dispersed the band a year later to travel about the country in search of new kinds of music and to study native rhythms. During these tours with other large bands, Cook thinks he found something entirely new to dance fans—he first heard it on an Indian reservation in the southwest, and calls it "Savage Rhythm," a style of music different from any heard as yet. He describes it as "something not too fast, and not too slow." He is anxious for an opportunity to form a band again to experiment with his discovery.

At present, Pvt. Cook spends his spare time visiting his old friends when the bands with which he has played come to the city, and is still at work composing what may turn out to be a hit tune. It is called "Too Good to be True," so if you should hear it over the radio soon, you'll know that it's composer is none other than Pvt. Roy Cook, Letterman Hospital.

Cook enjoys swimming, ice skating and polo, a sport he intends to take up again after his army days are over. The genial smile he wears in the picture is nearly always present, and is one of the reasons why he has so many friends on the post.



MISS ISABEL McCULLOUGH
Former Director of Recreation at Letterman

TOPSIDE OFFICE PARTY WAS— OH SO GOOD!

Anticipating the rain which was destined to dampen the new bonnets and mayhap the spirits of the Easter season, the office staff of the Officers and Civilian Personnel section held their Easter party at noon on Saturday.

In keeping with well laid plans tables were set and the staff enjoyed a delicious luncheon consisting of salad, ham, colored Easter Eggs, potato chips, olives, cheese, coffee and—to top it off—a delicious chocolate cake baked by Ollie in person.

It was one of those "you bring something" parties and it turned out to be a great social success even if there was a limit to the time available for relaxation. Each of the staff fulfilled his or her part and once again there was a visible exhibition of the co-operation and good will prevailing at all times among the personnel attached to the office.

Present and enjoying the good food were: Major Stanley A. Clark, MAC., Mr. Frisbie Nunn, Mr. Lyle J. O'Connell, Bernice LaBelle, Olive Cranert, Esther Grobler, Harriet Hagler, Eleanor Wolitarski, Mary Benson, and Martha Phillips.

It is not true that the corn on the little toe of Mr. O'Connell's right foot was the "tipoff" on the bad weather due for Sunday.

MISS McCULLOUGH LEAVES FOR NEW POST IN ALASKA

Miss Isabel E. McCullough, who for the past fourteen months has been the Director in charge of Recreation for the patients at Letterman General Hospital as the representative of the American Red Cross, has volunteered for a similar assignment under the same auspices with the American Forces serving in Alaska.

During her tour of duty here Miss McCullough made hosts of friends through her ability to get things done and for her the normal obstacles were merely incentives to do the job in a more satisfactory manner. Her efforts have resulted in many pleasant hours for the convalescent group of patients as well as for the duty personnel in their hours of leisure.

Being an adopted Native Son the writer cannot understand why anyone would volunteer to leave California but he does understand that Alaska will be a lot better for a lot of people by reason of Miss McCullough's presence in the frozen wastes on a day long night.

Miss McCullough left Letterman Hospital with the very best wishes of everyone on the staff from the Commanding General down to the buck private who joined station last week.

There's a shortage of horse shoes.

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ON THE SPOT



PAUL P. MONTINI
Pvt. 1st Cl., Field Artillery

It will take no Philadelphia lawyer to discover the reason why the nickname of the man "on the spot" this week is "Paul Bunyon" after the legendary hero of the tall timbers. Paul P. Montini was born at Fort Bragg in California and took up lumbering at an early age. Although of Italian extraction he selected St. Patrick's Day—March 17th, 1941, to enlist in the Army and he was sent to Camp Roberts for his basic training in the Field Artillery arm of the military service.

It has always been a mystery to us outlanders how Californians manage to stay within the borders of the Golden State and now that we managed to get here ourselves we think it is a grand idea if one can work it.

Our Paul Bunyon Montini has been around the hospital for a long time but he is the type of patient who is just that and fits into the schedule without a murmur and plenty of co-operation with the professional side.

Paul still desires to regain his health and strength and rejoin his buddies on active duty yet if that fails he can always take to the woods where he swings a mean axe.

Any of the local tongs needing a hatchet man might make the acquaintance of Paul Montini just in case—

Portable landing fields have been developed for U. S. airplanes. The fields are made of metal and can quickly be laid down on mud or rough ground, then taken up and moved again to another location.

Wrestlers know that getting a half Nelson on the adversary is usually enough to put him down. Now Uncle Sam has a full Nelson—a 200-pound Nelson—on that war production job.

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LETTERMAN NINE WINS ANOTHER

"Howya gonner hit 'em when you can't see 'em" was the oft repeated remark as batter after batter tossed down his mace in the game between the teams representing the 4th Army Hqrs. and Letterman Hospital on the Presidio field on Monday evening of this week.

The soft ball aggregation wearing the LGH on maroon shirts won another game with little effort and the final score was 7 to 0 in favor of the Medicos.

Powell and Carroll in the box for the winners were equally hard to hit and the scorer had only to add up two safe bingles for the brass hat group when the game was ended. Haverty hit another home run in the affair but that is a habit he has been developing with much success this season and his good example inspired Paschal to match his clout for the circuit.

A few more men in the rooting section would add a lot to the zest with which the game is played by our team.

The box score follows:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL VS. 4TH ARMY

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

PLAYERS	AB	H	R
Demello, c	4	3	1
Norris, ss	4	1	1
Peery, rf	4	3	1
Haverty, 1b	3	3	1
Morey, lf	3	2	0
West, 3b	3	2	0
Carlson, cf	3	2	1
Evans ,2b	3	0	0
Pascal, sf	3	1	1
Powell, p	2	1	1
Carrol, p	1	0	0

4TH ARMY

PLAYERS	AB	H	R
Bronson, 1b	2	0	0
Ward, c	3	1	0
Heath, p	3	0	0
Celmo, 3b	3	0	0
Driscoll, ss	3	0	0
Glover, 2b	3	0	0
Johnson, sf	2	0	0
Pan, cf	2	1	0
Fransom, lf	2	0	0
Hench, rf	2	0	0

Score by innings:

4th Army ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0
L G H ..... 2 2 0 3 0 0 x - 7

A new radio set automatically turns out the lights on outdoor signs during blackouts. The set is tuned to a near-by radio station; when the station stops broadcasting, the radio switches off the lights.



THREE MEMBERS of the Army Nurse Corps in Field Uniforms learning how to don a gas mask. Pictured, left to right: Cecelie Petit, Anne Child, and Isabelle Chiapparrini—all soon to be "over there."

MOTTIER BOWS TO HALTEMAN

The first war-time enlisted men's singles tournament was brought to a close, and a new post champion was acclaimed last Monday evening when Staff Sgt. Irwin Halteman decisively trounced Pvt. Paul Mottier, ace baggage room netman, in two straight sets to the tune of 6-1 and 6-2 on a very windy court before only a handful of tennis minded spectators.

It was obviously an off day for Mottier, who has displayed a much better grade of tennis in every other match of the tournament in which he participated. Mottier was forced by his opponent at all times and placed in a defensive position on the outset, from which he could not rise. On the other hand, Halteman was in excellent form, and despite the strong wind, which made the game devoid of any fast rallies, drove his forehand smashes to whatever part of the court he desired, completely outclassing Mottier at will.

The two players emerged from the tournament as the two top tennis men of the detachment, both winning handily all the way up the ladder which began to function over a month ago with twenty one contestants vieing for the championship.

The friendly rivalry displayed on the court in the finals, dates from 1939, when Mottier and Halteman met for the first time over a tennis net. For three years the two finalists have been fast friends off the court and serious rivals in the game. The number of games won by each one during that time are just about even—at times Mottier has beaten Halteman as badly as he was beaten this week—the decisive match was just another example of a good athlete's off-day—even the best have them.

When two identical automobiles are driven over the same 1,000-mile course, one at 25 miles an hour and the other at 65, the latter consumes 60 per cent more gasoline and 800 per cent more oil, and causes 700 per cent more wear on tires.

First Candidate For 1960 Wonder Team Has Arrived

The young man who will have the honor of registering for a place on the "Wonder Team" of 1960 at the University of California made his debut to the world on Monday morning last when the stork left Scott Carson Muller at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. The future All-American tipped the scales at seven pounds twelve and a half ounces at birth.

Captain and Mrs. Harold P. Muller are receiving congratulations on the new member of their family. "Scotty" and his mother are doing well.

Postage Stamps No Longer Needed For Soldier Mail

All those soldiers and service men who have been allowing a place for postage stamp money on their budgets may cross out that item and allocate the sum previously spent for stamps to more spending money, for soldiers now have free use of the mails and may post letters without stamps, it was revealed recently in order number 17352, section 515, of Postal Laws and Regulations sent to the Letterman postmaster, Staff Sgt. James C. Strickland, direct from the Postmaster General's office in Washington.

The new privilege afforded service men goes into effect as soon as local postmasters receive official notice—it is expected that all such notices will have been received by the end of this week, as they were dispatched from Washington on April 1st, 1942.

The allowance is being made for first class letter mail only, and the envelope must clearly state in the upper left corner the rank, name, branch of service and mailing address of sender, and in the upper right corner where the stamp is ordinarily placed, the word "FREE" must be writtten.

Letters mailed by service men under the new regulation may be sent to any point in the United States, and its possessions and territories, and covers the mail of officers as well as that of enlisted personnel .

The use of chlorine, important to the war effort, has been restricted in laundry operations, swimming pools, domestic cleansers and similar items.

HOW SAN FRANCISCO WAS CLEARED OF THE NIPPONESE

BY NEIL NAIDEN
Special Army Correspondent

SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, ARCADIA, CALIF., APRIL 8.—I was evacuated by the Army yesterday—along with 643 San Francisco Japanese.

There was nothing sensational, nothing emotional about the evacuation. From the moment I arrived at 1701 Van Ness Avenue, the starting point in San Francisco, until I disembarked inside luxurious Santa Anita I was treated like an ordinary train passenger.

Monday afternoon the Civil Control station in San Francisco processed me, tagged me with No. 1826, checked my baggage, and from 4 p. m. Monday until noon Tuesday I was Evacuee No. 1826 destined for Santa Anita, the Assembly Center.

We were assembled in San Francisco in the white, table cluttered room on Van Ness Avenue by Army men, placed in busses and convoyed to the railroad station about 8 o'clock in the evening. The little Japanese boys and girls, faces clean and clothes brushed, didn't make any racket. The women were not the least bit downcast.

I tried to talk to them but they usually wound up by asking me why I was going along. My tag No. 1826 showed quite audaciously on the lapel of my blue suit, but at first it was difficult for them to understand.

The only tears were those of a tow-headed boy saying good-bye to his father's houseman. The old fellow—he must have been sixty—patted the boy on the top of his head, shook hands, turned and got inside the bus.

In a few minutes we were on the train—my particular group was assigned to car 16, the last one on the train.

I plumped my little sackful of necessaries on the train seat and talked with some Hawaiian-born Japanese merchant seamen, just in from Manila.

Nostalgic reminiscences of Waikiki Beach filled their conversation. Half seas over, they adopted me as an honorary member of the Brotherhood of the Sea. Suntanned Sergeant Alvis Godfrey, weatherbeaten by 25 years in the U. S. Army, kept his veteran eye open all night, but there was no need. Eight A. M. saw them still playing poker.

Most of the other cars were about two-thirds filled with families, girls and children. In each car, a member of a military police company lingered around the door. Three nurses, Lieutenants Mann and Simone of the military police, and Dr. Togasaki, a Japanese woman, bustled through, regulating ventilation, administering good cheer.

"No smoking after 9 p. m. because of the children; come to Car No. 1 if you become ill. It's a pullman car; there are beds for those who need them. Turn on those electric roof fans." And for once I found a train with plenty of free drinking cups.

In a half hour the Veteran MP's were chatting with evacuees. Lights went out about ten and when I felt my way the length of the train at midnight regular breathing indicated that most were asleep on the chairs. The youthful gathered in the ends of cars to talk late—they giggled and must have felt a little like Robinson Crusoe.

What had I learned Seiko Iha, 20 years a dentist, wants to farm—always did want to farm but never had a chance. Chico-born Ruth Futita is 25, not 17 as I had guessed. She's a very pretty girl, and her sister is the mother of three of the best behaved little boys imaginable. Japanese girls and boys behave better than any little boys and girls I have ever seen.

They awoke in the morning passing the sun drenched California Valleys North of Los Angeles. Newly plowed fields fascinated the children, the children fascinated the burly MP's, box lunches were distributed to everyone at 7:30 and we fed on sandwiches, milk, an orange and two cup cakes. The old folks did not eat the cake, they saved it for the little folks. Chocolate cake has a universal appeal for kids. I tried to think and act as a Japanese evacuee, and I may have succeeded.

By ten a. m. black eyed Japanese children had stolen the heart from 6'5" Military Policeman "Shorty" Templeton. By 11:45 we rolled into Santa Anita. Dotted with eucalyptus and pepper trees, with the nursery blue grandstand overlooking lodgings for 18,000 Japanese. Solemn Mt. Wilson, topped by the world famous observatory rose up behind the grandstand. The soldiers helped us out. Beside me rheumatic 79 year old Inouye philosophized over the possibility that warmer climate might cure his swollen joints a little better than his daily one hour routine of exercise had done in San Francisco. We filed out of the train, looked at other evacuees—now four day veterans of Santa Anita—and noticed the darker complexions of the Southern California Japanese. Each family head was given a new tag, and we were straightway taken to lengthy knotty pine lunch room, and fed on stainless steel plates.

What were the Japanese like? How did they take it? They're cooperative, cheerful, perhaps a trifle homesick and a little relieved. If they are heartsick, you can't tell it.

Q. M. NEWS

Master Sergeant Charles A. Chambers, well known to most of the commissioned and enlisted personnel at this hospital will be discharged Saturday April 11th to accept a commission as First Lieutenant of the Q. M. Corps. He will depart from this station Sunday April 12th for Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, where he will be assigned to duty. Members of the Quartermaster Corps desire to take this opportunity to extend their hearty congratulations and wish Sergeant Chambers the best of luck in his new assignment.

Two new men have joined the detachment since the last writing, Private Paul A. Koski has been transferred from the medical department and Private Kenneth L. Pieper has joined by enlistment. Welcome to both of you and may you enjoy success in this organization.

Now that the Medical department has received their allotment of technician ratings a few of the boys are beginning to wonder if the detachment has been forgotten. No fellows we are not forgotten few. Don't get patient-less for I have been informed by my private detective agency that the ratings are on their way. Captain Lewis S. Parody, assistant to the Quartermaster recently departed from this station on a trip to Denver, Colorado.

It is known that quite a few of the Q. M. personnel are purchasing saving bonds and stamps each month, and that most of the boys are looking forward to buying them through authorized deduction from monthly pay. Let's do this in the right way fellows by pushing the detachment up to 100 per cent level in this campaign.

NEW TECHNICIAN RATINGS

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Lew Juarez, William H. Schlicter, Arthur B. Anderson, Bert H. Berry, Paul T. Betts, Shaffer R. Breers, Herman E. Buschman, Roland V. Caisse, Alfred T. Calchera, Richard N. Freeman, Jim G. Gordon, Johnnie N. Hall, Elton V. Harper, Dey E. Heazlitt, Ross K. Laughlin, Frederick E. Matthias, Martin T. Newcome, Joe Orlowski, James L. Smith, Carl H. Wade, Noel Anderson, James F. Blackburn, Warren R. Box, Homer Bullock, Frank L. Burns, Carmen F. Felice, Donald D. Flasser, Richard S. Jones, Nathan J. Kaplin, Walter P. Munday, Alfred D. Niemeyer, Louis W. Stearns, John R. Steele, John H. Steffler, Andrew M. Trevino, Warren H. Young, Donald A. McNaughton, Leland P. Alderson, Walter Campana, Jr., Norman A. Wallace, Marino F. Baggese, Edward D. Erickson, Ernest L. Brensel, John K. Grimason, Donald E. Giersch, Raymond E. Edmondson, Alfred Klein and James F. Shumaker.

TECHNICIANS 5TH GRADE



Theodore F. Clark, Carlo J. Cotella, Charles K. Anthony, William R. Cain, Waverly T. Carpenter, Firmino B. Cavalli, Norbert E. Cord, William Couch, Francis M. Davies, Harold E. Ebel, Hilbert E. Eslinger, Michael Flaz, William L. Fuller, Douglas L. Gabb, Christopher F. Gannon, Fred Garcia, James G. Gust, Lorenzo Hawkins, Ray M. Howard, Frank Marano, Robert H. Morten, George W. Norville, Andre R. Pascal, Leo W. Gustafson, Stephen Bruzzone, Charles R. Weisburg, Joseph Willer, Edward A. Arnaiz, Daniel B. Bailey, Bertram S. Harper, George H. Jensen, Marshall R. Kellett, Vernal J. Whitehead, Joseph E. Furnham, Jr., Carlton Fillauer, John L. Nani, Nathan Edelstein, Donald E. Stone, John V. Ryan, Alvin H. Seger, Arliss V. Sherman, Joseph M. Thibadeaux, Andrew J. Campbell, Ira B. Carlton, Gordon E. Dahlgren, Jerold M. Gorby, Vasil M. Markoff, Carl L. Myers and Paul F. Rosa.

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LETTERMAN HAS BUSY FIRST LADY

It is a truism that one of the ablest officers in the Surgeon General's Department of the United States Army is none other than Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt. What is perhaps not so generally known is that our First Lady, Mrs. Wallace DeWitt has an equally splendid record for efficiency, energy, and the grace of leadership. Some one has said that officers who reach high official places do so only when they are accompanied by a lady blessed with both efficiency and charm. The General's splendid record has been strengthened through the years by the charm and grace of Mrs. DeWitt. We salute you both!

Mrs. DeWitt has been a dynamo of energy providing the women of Letterman with a chance to tie-in with a work complimentary to that of the officers established in this great general hospital.

The Letterman Club has been a hive of activity. Four days per week classes in home nursing, first aid and nutrition are in session almost continually. Sewing groups meet both morning and afternoon under the guidance of Mrs. DeWitt. The women who participate in these activities come from the Presidio, the 4th Army, Retired Officers wives as well as from the Letterman group. A total of 140 members are enrolled in these splendid activities.

Mrs. DeWitt is chairman of the Army Auxiliary Red Cross, Presidio Branch. Mrs. George Monteau is Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Alva B. McKie, Secretary, and Mrs. Thomas W. Lane is Treasurer. This program has been going on for over two years, during which time over 3,000 garments have been donated to the Red Cross free of all cost. In addition, Mrs. DeWitt states that each member contributes 50 cents per month as a personal contribution. Payments are prompt and the gifts and the work is a ritual of noble service. During the winter past the women have supplied layettes and baby blankets to our hospital nursery. Mrs. Raymond Dart has a committee that meets the incoming Army transports and together with her Letterman associates sees to it that all incoming soldiers' families are taken care of on arrival. This is a splendid work.

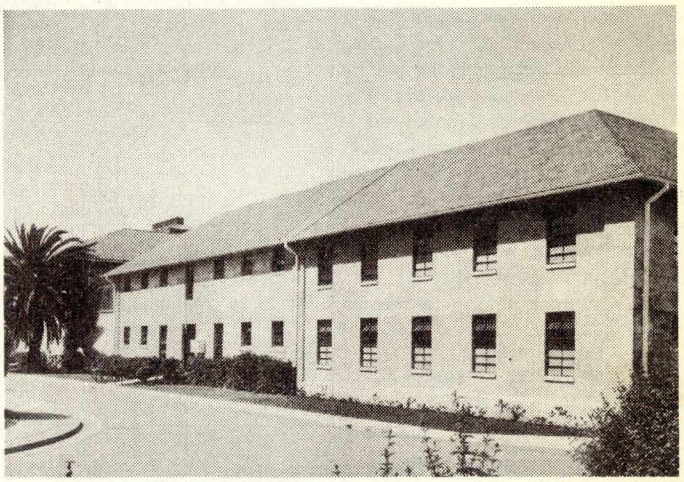
The Letterman classes include the following: One course in Home Nursing which meets in two sections—one from Letterman and the other from the Presidio—each section has an enrollment of over twenty women; one course in First Aid with enrollment of twenty; one course in Nutrition also with enrollment of twenty. Mrs. Euclid B. Frick, a trained nurse, and a woman of great ability and charm has just completed the instruction in the course in Home Nursing.

Truly Mrs. DeWitt is doing a most valuable work not only in leadership in production, the record of which speaks for itself, but in the personal leadership among the splendid women of Letterman and the Presidio. Such leadership is as indispensable as it is rare.

SERVICES TOLD FOR SUNDAY A. M.

Chaplin Harry A. Shuder announces that Colonel Earl D. Weed, Chaplain 4th Army, and former 5th Army Chaplain will be guest speaker at the regular Sunday morning services to-morrow at 10:00 a. m. in the Post Chapel.

Everyone is invited to attend this service.



AN EXTERIOR VIEW of the recent addition to Ward S-1, taken from the intersection of Edie Road and O'Reilly avenue. The new annex will accommodate over 50 additional patients, and it is the last word in buildings of its class.

COLLEGE COURSES FOR SOLDIERS

Announcement of two plans whereby soldiers may continue higher education for college credit at minimum cost was recently made by the War Department. Soldiers may either enroll in the Army Institute, an organization formed to give enlisted personnel opportunity to contribute to their military efficiency through correspondence courses, or enroll in regular university extension schools, with one half of the cost of each course to be paid by the government, it was stated.

Althought the types of courses offered under both plans are limited to those which will "contribute to military efficiency,' nearly every field of study is represented in the approved list of classes, and make possible financially the enrollment of any enlisted man.

The announcement states: "Enlisted personnel who have been in active service for not less than four months may enroll for the Army Institute correspondence courses upon payment of an enrollment fee of $2.00 for each course."

Concerning study under university of college extension divisions, it says "The government will pay one half the cost of text and tuition fee (not to exceed $20.00 for any one course) for enlisted personnel who have been in service for not less than four months, who enroll in approved correspondence course for academic credit under the extension divisions for each course."

The approved courses at university extension schools are: English, composition, literature, foreign languages, mathematics, science, physics, chemistry, biology, geology, geo-

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NEUROPSYCHIATRY SECTION OF LETTERMAN EXPLAINED

The mechanism of the human mind is a very delicate system of instruments. It is easy to develop a "short" or some sort of "carburetor" trouble. Repairs can be made. Almost always it takes a "trouble shooter" and a well trained specialist. The world today may become more and more "tank minded" but minds will never be trouble-armored. Mental adjustments must be studied both from with-out and from with-in. The penalty for lack of adjustments—education is that many men become "mentally wounded." Such men need a surgeon who knows all the implications of such "wounds," and who gets the patient back on his feet and back into useful service. Professor James used to say that "a complete nervous breakdown before the age of 30 was the best guarantee for a long life." The inference here is that such men learn the better how to live and take care of themselves.

The great work here at Letterman done by Colonel Litteral and his assistants accomplish this "insight" for many of the young men here as patients.

Mental mal-adjustment is today considered either as a "wound" or a disease. It is no longer considered as the work of some evil spirit to be exercised by castigations and exhortations. The day of the "witch doctor" and his ilk has gone into the limbo with superstitions and other twilight intelligence.

Psychiatry is a science. Letterman is fortunate to have the services of outstanding specialists in this field. General DeWitt has seen to it that the Neuropsychiatric Section of this hospital is adequately housed and provided with the best equipment.

The following statement sets forth the present program of the section.

The Neuropsychiatric section is divided into an open and closed subsection. The open sub-section is for the care of neurological and borderline nervous and mental states which do not require restraint or care in a locked ward, and in general, patients who are not considered to be dangerous to themselves or others. The closed sub-section has had its headquarters on Ward S-1. However, in addition to this ward, it has been necessary part of the time to utilize a ward in the east hospital group. For safety caring for ward mental patients, it became necessary for the government to contract with the City and County Hospital of San Francisco, California, for the utilization of two wards of that hospital, namely, Wards 41 and 43. These County Hospital wards are no longer used at this time.

There has been marked improvements effected in Ward S-1 during the past year. Practically the entire ward has been renovated. The ward has been equipped with new type windows of non-breakable glass. A new type of door has been put in in certain of the full detention rooms, while the doors on other detention rooms have been remodeled and definitely improved. There are 23 rooms of which 15 are considered full detention rooms with a heavy wire screen guarding the window. On the first floor there are four rooms especially equipped for officer patients. The lighting system has been markedly improved. The heating system has been changed so that patients are prevented from burning themselves either intentionally or otherwise upon exposed heating units. An adequate hydrotherapeutic unit has been installed including a pack room, continuous bath and special type of shower. The kitchen of S-1 has been remodeled and improved and is utilized so that all patients able to come to the ward mess get their food in cafeteria style. The entire interior of Ward S-1, including the basement and the closed Occupational Therapy Shop, has been repainted with varying shades of green which makes the ward much more pleasant appearing than before.

The occupational therapy activities which function under the Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Section have been extended and increased. In addition to the Head Occupational Therapy Aide, there are four Assistant Occupational Therapy Aides. In addition to the one shop in the closed ward and the shop in the main hospital building for the open wards, there is also a small shop in the Ward G-1.

The new building just completed is a large annex to S-1 for mental patients. This buiding is a two story structure, and it consists of a large ward or squadroom on each of the two floors with a capacity of approximately thirty patients on each floor.

The staff of the Neuropsychiatric section has been increased so that in addition to the Chief of Section, there are three medical officers on the closed section of Ward S-1. There three officers assigned to the open N. P. Wards. The Staff is adequate. At the present time a Hydortherapist has been assigned to the closed section and his work is satisfactory. The Enlisted Personnel now assigned to the closed section is an outstandingly dependable, well qualified group of men for this type of work.

In addition to Colonel Litteral, Captain William F. Cutts, Lieutenant Robley N. Ellis, and Lieutenant Sydney H. Green assistant in the closed laboratory section. In the open sub-section Major Clarence H. Goddard, Captain Arthur L. Burks and Captain Joseph Biernoff are specialists under Colonel Litteral.

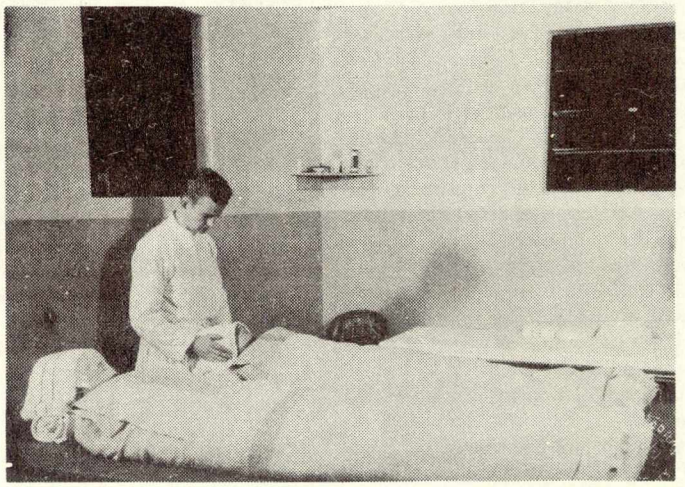
The open sub-section handles cases suffering from brain tumor, diseases of the central nervous system and border-line cases.

The closed sub-section handles the more serious cases especially those who must be given the most custodial care. The closed wards use Occupation Therapy, Hydrotheraphy, some sedatives and Psycho-Therapy. The work of the section as a whole has to do with patient classification,

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LT. COL. EMMETT B. LITTERAL, MC.
Chief of Staff, Psychiatric Section



TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE ROBERT MORTEN applying sedative packs to patients.

ON THE SPOT



PVT. EDWARD L. ALLEN

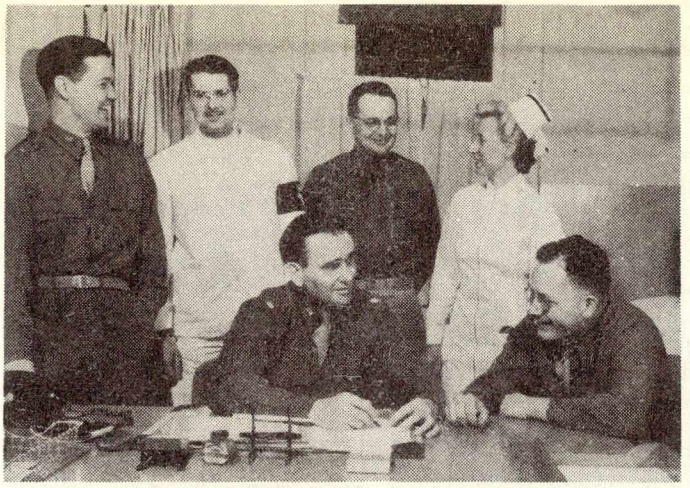
Fayetteville, North Carolina makes the claim of "home town" for Private Edward L. Allen, patient on ward B-1 who is "On the Spot" this week. Private Allen's circuitous journey to Letterman has carried him from Fayetteville to Hawaii, via the Panama Canal and finally San Francisco after the bombing of Hickam Field, Hawaii where he was stationed.

Born December 8, 1919 and of a farming family, Allen decided that joining the Army to see Hawaii should be a part of his life before taking the life of the farmer too seriously so he enlisted at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, November 27, 1939, spent five months initial training at Charlestown as an Armourer in the Air Corps and then went to Hickam Field where he served until he was wounded on that memorable December 7th.

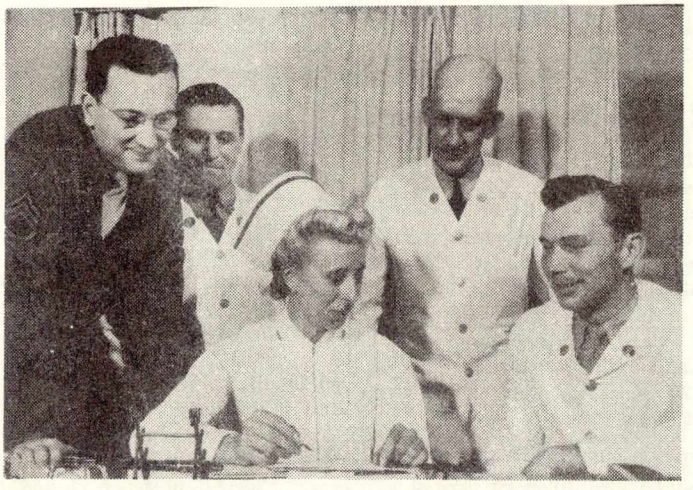
If discharged from the service he intends to return to his Fayetteville home and work the farm. He would like to return to the Agricultural College and see what scientific methods of farming offer in the way of imrovements over natural growing. If it is a "return to duty" decision in Allen's case, "why that's fine,' he says, "I'll know when to duck the next time, and I don't think I'll do all the receiving next time."

A cheerful patient, Pvt. Allen has been spoken of as "actually enjoying being sick,' and there is no "gold bricking" in his case. And if you want an argument, merely mention the superior qualities of California citrus fruits, melons or any farm produce for that matter over those from the "south"—and the battle is on.

The average tractive power of railroad locomotives has increased almost 40 per cent in the past 20 years.

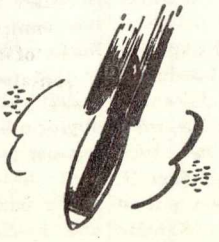


THE CAMERAMAN seems to have found the psychiatric staff in a happy mood. Left to right: Lt. Robley N. Ellis, MC; Dr. Francis Lenard, interne; Lt. Sidney H. Green, MC; and Miss Edna Gardner, ANC. Seated is Section Chief Lt. Col. Emmett B. Litteral, who is in discussion with Captain William F. Cutts, MC.



NON-COMMISSIONED officers of psychiatric section confer with Miss Edna Gardner, ANC. Standing, left to right: Staff Sgt. Herbert L. Ligier, Tech. 4th Grade Edward Grant, Tech. 4th Grade Homer Bullock, Staff Sgt. Gabriel Hendricks sits on Miss Gardner's left at the desk.

Let Your Answer to Bombs Be—*BONDS!*



We are fighting enemies who will stop at nothing. With our homes, our very lives at stake, shall we stop short of giving our dimes and dollars for Defense? Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps every day, every week. Buy as if your very life depended upon it. *It does!*

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following Privates appointed Privates First Class Ray L. Bowman, Donald F. Bozarth, L. W. Johnson and James F. Murray.

A welcome is extended to eleven new men transferred here from Camp Grant, Illinois. They are: John J. Hartman, James D. Bronson, Raymond P. Anweiler, Harry E. Bronner, Wilbur James, Herbert A. Radhe, John A. Remnant, William M. Truesdell, Raymond Van Scoyk, James G. Willis and Edward C. Vicary.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Corporal James J. Crowe proudly displaying the picture of the Good Friday Services in our Chapel which appeared in one of the local papers—with "Jim" in attendance. "When they heard I was going to attend the service, too, they immediately braced the building for the extra load." And they did brace the building.

1st Sgt. John B. Barr, enthusastically anticipating a real turn-out for the proposed golf tournament to be held in the near future at the Presidio Golf Course. "More than a dozen names have been turned in already," says Sgt. Barr, "and several men have asked that time be allowed to send home for their clubs . . . . . and in many cases they will have time to do just that, though it really isn't necessary because clubs can be rented at the Presidio club house . . . . and you know, a man can walk over to the driving range in the Presidio, just off Portola avenue and get clubs and balls, plus the advise of the Professional over there to help iron out his troublee —and free of charge—and the course is open every day for the men of this detachment until 5 p. m. . . . . in fact we can play on the golf course any Monday."

"The nice thing about this tournament is the fact that it is not going to be staged for the "Tommy Wards" of the detachment alone but will be for the "dubs" as well as the experts. In fact, as a handicap affair. it is going to make the men who really shoot golf play superman stuff to even stay in the tournament. I hope all men will take advantage of it."

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EDITORIAL

If 400 red-blooded, hard-hitting Americans were in the market to buy the four only available automobiles on the market, it is easy to see at once what would happen. The price of cars would go up. This is inflation. To correct such a situation as per illustration, the 396 red-blooded, hard-hitting Americans must find other interests and wants in which to invest their surplus cash and credit. The Government Bond meets exactly this condition. If our extra cash is invested into saving bonds — Defense Bonds, the country can be saved from inflation and inflation is our chief "5th column" within our land. These bonds are as good as our government. They are absolutely safe. They are a nice investment; an $18.75 bond is worth $25.00 in ten years.

The Government Bond will serve to redistribute the wealth of this country and place it definitely in the hands of the people. There are many who fear that our national debt is a menace to all values. They fear that the Government will not be able to pay off its debt, and as a result there will be an economic crash that will wipe out all values. This is a grave error.

There are two kinds of debts —foreign and internal debts. Foreign debts must be paid off on a schedule and the money leaves the country. This often leaves tragedy behind. The United States is borrowing no money from abroad; an internal debt should rise to 500 billion this great nation could still, with good planning, remain perfectly solvent. We are therefore in no danger whatsoever. Our only menace is inflation. Inflation. Inflation can be conquered as we invest our extra dollars in bonds instead of material that at the present time is much more needed by our war industries.

As a red-blooded, hard-hitting American citizen interested in this country you can beat inflation. You can doubly defend your country. You can save for the hard days to come. If first things are put first, your determination to buy bonds instead of bric-a-brac will definitely identify you as a thoughtful citizen as well as a soldier, loyal to all that is Your Country.



After many years of faithful service in the ANC, Miss Marie Spechert left on final leave last week, prior to final discharge. Miss Spechert first entered the corps in 1914, and has seen service in major army hospitals of this country, as well as serving overseas with American troops. Members of the ANC and patients are going to miss her greatly, and wish her good luck in her new life.

Sympathy and sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are expressed by who is now in the status of patient who is no in the status of patient on Ward R.

Miss Mary E. Short insists she never has time for a day at the beach—BUT WHERE DID THAT SUNTAN COME FROM?

Higher Mathematics

The East Hospital has developed a new Mathematical formulae. The Chaplain was making rounds and on entering one of the wards inquired the number of patients on the ward. The wardmaster replied that there were "three."

"Where are they," queried the Chaplain?

Wardmaster: "Both of them are out for a walk."

To conserve dyes white paint will soon be substituted for colored paint on traffic markers in many cities.



To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. George Dunn, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Candrice Lynn, weight nine pounds, two ounces, born April 9, 1942.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Lawrence Collins, San Francisco, a son, Larry, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces, born April 11, 1942.

To Captain and Mrs. Victor W. D'Orazi, Presidio of San Francisco, a son, Victor William, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces, born April 13, 1942.

THE CHAPLAIN TAKES A TRIP

Among those who are missed around the post for the past week while on detached service, is Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna, post Chaplain who left last Sunday with a patient bound for the Middle West. The Chaplain, on leaving, planned to make the most of the trip by obtaining a two-day leave, and instead of using up the extra time traveling by train, arranged air passage to Washington after disposal of his patient for a duty visit to the Chief of Chaplains office.

Chaplain McKenna is sorely missed by members of the entire post, and particularly missed by the patients, who are hoping for his quick and safe journey. His genial, and always cheerful presence around the wards will be given a sincere welcome on his return next Tuesday.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

APRIL 19:

A DATE WITH THE FALCON—George Sanders and Wendie Barrie. Also Short Subjects.

Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Bell announces that a general renovation of the Recreation Center necessitates closing it for at least one week, beginning April 20th. Tentative opening date will be April 28th.

Manufacturers that ordinarily make women's dresses are now turning out flags and panels that are used for signaling in the armed forces.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, April 19, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

CORPORAL FULLER TAKES A WIFE

In the post chapel, filled with friends and beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and calla lilies, Miss Virginia Layton accepted the name of William Fuller, Corporal Technician of this post, last Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna was the officiating clergyman.



CORPORAL and Mrs. William Fuller pose for a wedding picture.

Dressed in a flowing gown of white satin, with a cap of the same material decorated with white tulle, the bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Florence Grazzle, and was given in marriage by Mr. George Mardikian. The former Miss Layton carried a nosegay of bright spring flowers, as did her bridesmaid.

The groom has as best man Sgt. Roscoe J. Willy. Both wore the olive drab uniform.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party attended a luncheon given by Mr. Mardikian at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, after which Corporal and Mrs. Fuller left for a short honeymoon.

The young couple have taken an appartment in a nearby district, and will make their home there when off duty hours of the groom permit.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Due to the absence of the regular columnist, a conference was called by the personnel of the school in order to write the column for this week, which results in substituting quantity for quality.

Congratulations to First Sgt. John T. Young! Sgt. Young will leave the latter part of this month for Carlyle Barracks, for a course of instruction at the Officers Candidate School for the Medical Administrative Corps. Our sincere best wishes to you!

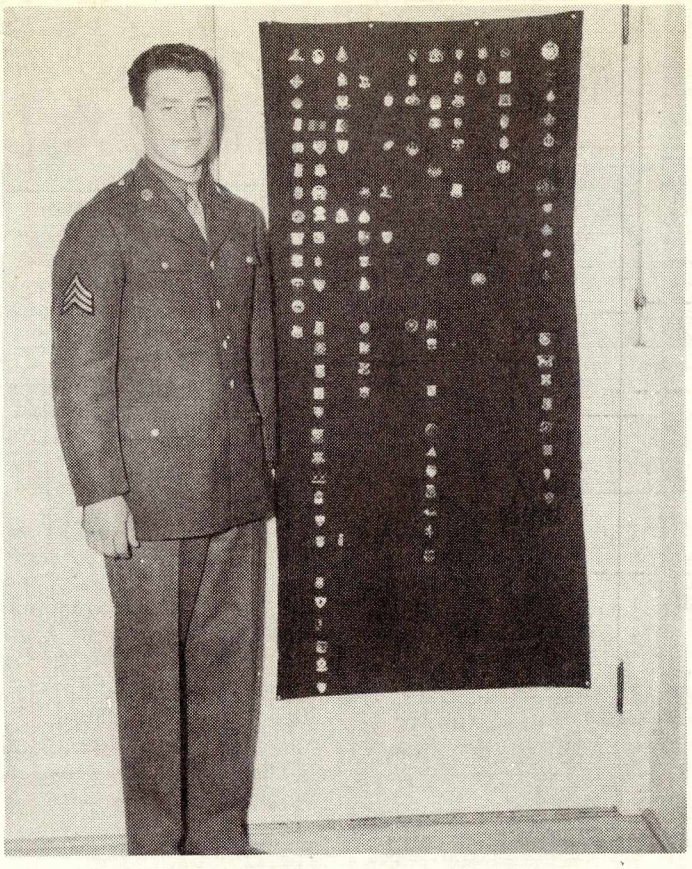
It is heard that a certain Sergeant has so much to do that it takes him until five o'clock in the morning. Could you explain this, Sgt. Sambur? Little man, you've had a busy day.

Personnel now on detached service: Lt. Col. Ervin, MC; Lt. Suppo, DC; S/Sgt. Kachner, Sgt. Lyon, Corporals Rozadilla and Shedoudy. Major Terry, MC, Captain C. G. Moore, MC Sgt. Greendale, Sgt. Essen and Corporal Stone.

What matrimonially minded Corporal of SSS reluctantly accepted a trip to Denver, after he was convinced it was the shortest trip on the list? Of course we know the wedding date has been set as April 26th—we do hope you will be back by then. While on the subject, Rosey, why did you state your home is in the vicinity of Vallejo? Since being in San Francisco have you gone big town and dis-owned your home town of Fairfield? We wonder what happened to that popular song—"Bessie Couldn't Help It."

Things one hears about Lt. Nelson giving "Sound Cadence" while drilling his company in Gas Mask practice. A group of officers spending their spare time flying a kite. T/Sgt. Reuther and his one way Taxi service on these rainy evenings. S/Sgt. Selvey and his one night stands—emergency duty cramping his style. That two thirds of promotion is motion!

The most untameable thing has its den just behind your teeth—watch your tongue!



SGT. WILLIAM C. PONTING exhibits his hobby, a collection of regimental insignia, for the Foghorn cameraman.

SGT. PONTING HAS UNIQUE HOBBY

One of the most appropriate hobbies a service man can practice is that enjoyed by Sergeant William C. Ponting, who collects regimental insignia, both foreign and American, and has already the identifying badges of over 100 outfits in the United States Army.

"I first started collecting them in 1937," declared the sergeant in a recent interview, "when a buddy had two extra insignia and gave me one as a souvenir—from then on, they've just been adding up. When people learn I save them, they let me know every time they see one I don't have, an dthen I go trade I don't have, and then I go trade

When asked if it is an expensive hobby, the popular non-com proudly stated, "Why, gosh no! I'd lose all interest by buying them. That's one of the most interesting features of getting 'em—they have never cost me a cent, and I've had lots of fun just trading for them with other collectors." He went on to explain that many times people give him duplicates and then when an opportunity comes, he trades off one insignia for a kind he doesn't have.

Thinking we might trick him, we pointed out various badges and asked what outfits wore them. "See that one? That's the 53rd Australian infantry. Look at this one—it's worn by the 159th infantry. Look at the badge over here—that belongs to one of the outfits that has gone overseas, and . . . . " We finally gave up, conceding that Sgt. Ponting knows the name and description of every army insignia. "That's a trick of the trade," he grinned.

Sgt. Ponting first came to Letterman as a member of company "A" of the 3rd medical regiment in 1937 after enlisting at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, but left six months later to join the medical detachment with the Air Corps at March Field, California. While on that duty, Ponting sustained a broken wrist while bowling for the unit team, and was sent back to Letterman for treatment in February, 1940. During his stay as a patient, he became so well liked, that upon recovery, he was ordered to duty here with the military police. In February of last year,

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NEED INSURANCE? ACT QUICKLY!

All soldiers who were in the Service on December 20, 1941, and are not covered by National Service Life Insurance, but wish to have such coverage, must apply for it before tomorrow night, Sunday, April 19, or else undergo the inconvenience of another physical examination.

If you apply before that time, no examination is necessary, but after the deadline, no insurance will be granted without one. Examination appointments will be difficult to obtain because of the already heavy schedule of medical officers.

APPLY FOR YOUR INSURANCE TODAY!

HOME NURSES UPHELD HERE

Prominent lady takes "fun potshot" at graduating class in home nursing.

After all, every graduating class has its "harpooner" or "raspberry" artist. The "poem' serves no doubt to keep the new graduates "Earthbound" in spite of their very fine achievements.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Lady, if you see me lying
On the ground, I may be dying
Let my gore run bright and free
Don't attempt to bandage me.
While there's life there's hope, my pet,
Don't apply a tourniquet,
Do not give for my salvation
Artificial respiration.
Do not stretch my bones or joints,
Do not press my pressure points.

If queer symptoms you should see
Don't experiment on me.
If I'm suffering from shock
Take a walk around the block.
If you must be busy, pray
Help to keep the crowd away.
So, whatever my condition,
Phone at once for a physician.
Let me lie, I'll take a chance
Waiting for an ambulance.
From First Aid, I beg release,
Lady, let me die in peace.

British War Exhibit Combines Arts With News

Those who are artistically inclined, or are interested in modern art, may view a large exhibition entitled "Britain at War"—a collection of paintings, watercolors, drawing and photographs by British artists depicting British participation in the war—any day until five p. m. at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park.

The colletcion, assembled under the supervision of Sir Kenneth Clark, Director of the National Gallery of London, provides a spectacular panorama of the war with a special section devoted to camoflage, and is being circulated by the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Supplementing this exhibition of British activities, is a group of drawings, photos and posters entitled "America Goes to War"—a show pertaining to America's participation in the conflict, and also some fine camouflage models prepared by a group of local artists and architects. A part of the show is a fascinating selection of watercolors by well known American artist Vernon Howe Bailey, illustrating the work being done at present by Navy Yards throughout the eastern part of the United States. A special series of defense films are being presented in connection with the drawings every Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The program lasts for forty-five minutes and there is no admission charge.

These two exhibitions, "Britain at War" and "America Goes to War" form a most comprehensive survey of British and American war activities and they should be of particular interest to members of the armed forces.

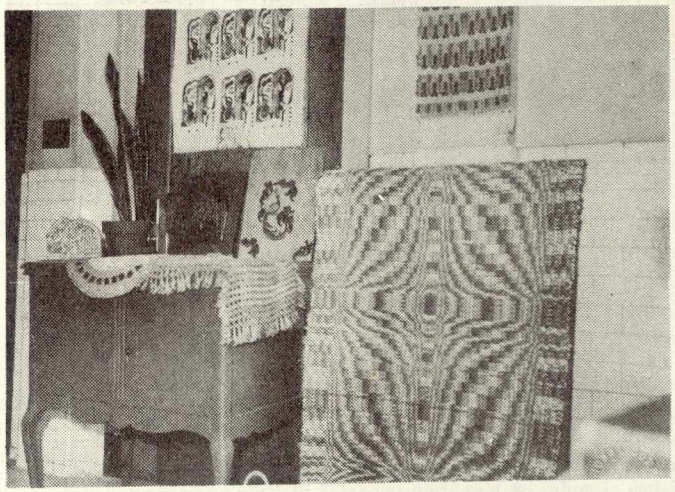
Lincoln Park is located on 34th avenue near Clement street, and may be reached by taking the "B" car out Geary boulevard to 34th avenue, and then walking one block north.

Aircraft manufacturing as an industry began in 1910, when about 100 planes were produced by manufacturers. Today's goal is 60,000 planes, with even more to come next year.

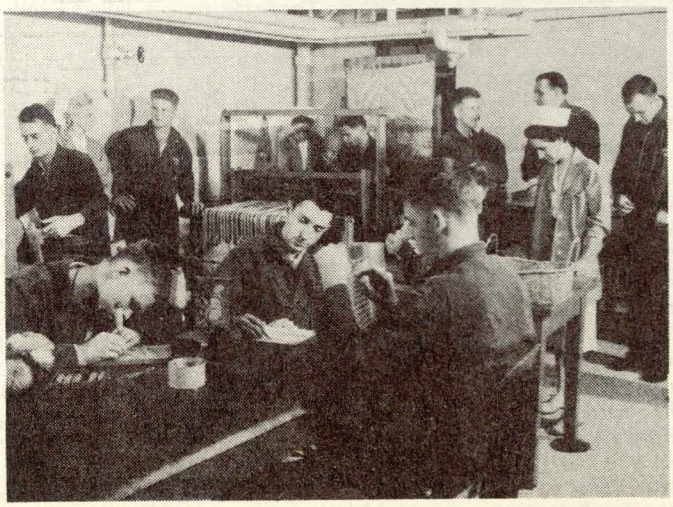
According to present indications, the automobile industry wil be completely converted to war production by September 1.



CHAPLAIN SHUDER approvingly accepts scrap books donated by Commerce High School students. Left to right: Chaplain Shuder, Staff Sgt. Francis C. West, ROTC Cadet Sgt. Langford Parker, Anne Vacari, and Norma Staakman presented the books on behalf of their class.



Some objects d' art completed in Occupational Therapy.



View of Occupational Therapy Section at Letterman.

High School Group Donates Scrapbooks To Letterman

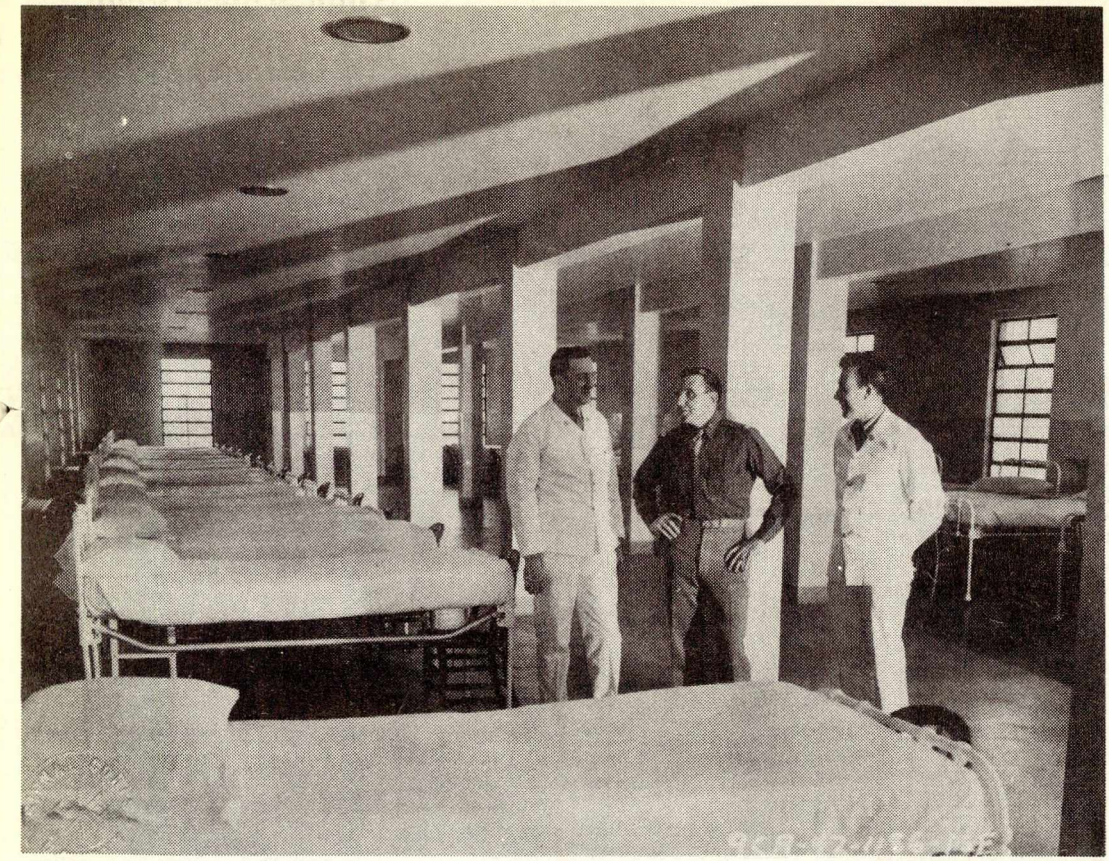
Because Miss M. C. Clark, teacher of advertising and sales at the High School of Commerce on Van Ness avenue, has a warm spot in her heart for soldiers in general and sick or wounded soldiers in particular, the patients at Letterman will have plenty of "browsing material" in the way of cartoons, pictures, jokes, short biographies and interesting sketches for months to come.

Last month, just before Easter vacation, Miss Clark thought of a way her students could do something for the boys who were confined to the hospital, and asked her classes to clip articles and pictures of anything they themselves would enjoy if they were ill, suggesting they assemble them into scrap books in the spare time of their vacation period. Her students responded whole-heartedly, for when they returned after the holidays, each one came with a large book filled with humorous sketches, interesting articles, side-splitting comics and just everything that would make time pass quickly for anyone. Last week, these books were brought to Chaplain Shuder for distribution among the patients—forty-five books from unselfish students who gave up their own free time to add their bit towards making hospital confinement a little more bearable.

And as gratifying as the books are themselves, a short dedicatory note written on the first page by each donor expressing his pleasure at being able to help servicemen in some way, are just as greatly appreciated by the patients—it is the students' way of showing the armed forces that they are being backed up as strongly as possible by those who are too young to wear a uniform.

"Electric eyes" are now being used as fire wardens. The electric beam can be set in such a way that it moves over areas where fires are likely to start. When it finds one, it pauses and sets off a mechanism which sprays the blaze with a fire extinguisher.

Every steel rail that is made in the United States carries its own biography imprinted on it—when and where it was manufactured, the process used, and clues to other essential facts about it.



LT. COLONEL LITTERAL, center, inspects the upper story of the new building with Staff Sgt. Ligier, left, and Pvt. Taylor, on the right. This second floor room will care for 30 to 35 patients.

LT. COLONEL LITTERAL'S BUSY CAREER

Emmett B. Litteral was born near Vinita, Oklahoma, October 30th, 1898. Colonel Litteral from the very beginning of his college and medical work was much interested in Psychiatry. His interest has developed into the direction of one of the outstanding technical hospital services in the U. S. Army.

Colonel Litteral is a graduate from George Washington University, 1925, and from the Medical College of the same university in 1929. He is also a graduate from Army Medical School 1932, and from Field Service School, 1932. In 1934-35 he was a special student at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. under Dr. White, famous for his work and research in Psychiatry. Following his work at St. Elizabeth's he went to the Canal one and became assistant and active superintendent of Corozal Mental Hospital where he remained for over two years. On leaving the Canal Zone, Colonel Litteral came to Letterman General Hospital where he has remained since and where he has advanced his leadership to a very prominent place in the U. S. Army and among the top ranks of American Psychiatrists.

Colonel Litteral married Miss Harriet Faries of Omaha, Nebraska in 1929. The Litterals live in the Marina near the Letterman Post. Mrs. Litteral is a very charming member of the social group here at the Post. The Colonel has many hobbies but Mrs. Litteral confides that the Colonels pet hobby is consuming coffee milk-shakes at a nearby confectionery. Each morning the Colonel may be seen about the park leading the most attractive mongrel hound who strains at the leash as though he were about to discover America. We believe the dog's name is Sigmund, may be Alfred or else Schizophrenic —Schizo for short? The Colonel is a credit to this profession—a leader in one of our newest sciences and at this time highly important in the service of young men in U. S. Army.

PFC. DEVINE WEDS DOROTHY HOPE

Climaxing a romance of two years standing, Private first class George J. Devine claimed the hand of Miss Dorothy Hope in marriage last Friday evening in a simple but beautiful ceremony at the post chapel with Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna officiating.

The bride wore a tailored suit of powder blue wool with accessories of dark blue and carried a fur neckpiece of Russian kolinsky. The groom wore the customary olive drab and had as best man his brother, William Devine of Oakland.

The wedding was attended by the families of both bride and groom and a number of select friends. Immediately after the nuptials the young couple left for a brief honeymon at a nearby country resort, and at present are making their home in Oakland.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Hope, long time resident of the east bay district.

Production of farm machine repair parts is at least 50 per cent higher than last year.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

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M/Sgt. James C. Vaughn ribbing Sgt. Rosylen E. Morrey about his Government Income Tax Notice—final notice—and then receiving a final notice himself.

Sgt. Donald F. Allison "upping" at 5 a. m. each morning for a short two miles of road work.

Pvt. Malcom Foster spending every free evening during the last two weeks with "his" girl and still waiting the time when he learns her name.

Sgt. Vachel E. Barton "egging on" Pvt. M. Lee into a ping-pong game and then being trounced decisively and regularly each day over in the Recreation Center.

Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West a bit on the disgruntled side due to the fact that the soft ball games have been rained out with exasperating consistency this last week. "And just when we had perfected an offensive-defensive combination which would leave us on the right side of at least a 3-0 score with Cypress Lawns.

Sgt. Ralph Hightower quietly chewing his finger-nails practically

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WAR BONDS

The campaign to encourage the buying of War Bonds and Stamps received local impetus when Captain Lemuel R. Williams, acting Post Exchange Officer, yesterday placed the first of the War Stamps on sale at the Cashier's window. Miss Betty O'Connor, of the exchange staff, was at the head of the line to make the first purchase and a brisk sale followed her good example.

The Commanding General has designated Chaplain Harry A. Shuder as the officer to arrange for the regular purchase of the bonds and stamps on the part of the personnel and patients in the hospital. Announcement will be made at an early date on the procedure to be followed in the buying of the bonds and stamps.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. CHARLES C. PEARSON

One of the most recent graduates of Camp Grant Medical Training Center in Illinois, Pvt. Charles C. Pearson came to Letterman last month, and thinks that being assigned for duty here is the best break he has had since joining the army.

"Letterman is exactly the spot I wanted to wind up after my basic medical training," he recently stated, "Even as far away as Illinois they talk of what a fine post it is, and now that I'm here I can see why."

Pvt. Pearson's first impression of Letterman was the beauty of the landscape, the cleanliness of surrounding, and the friendliness of everyone and "seeing people outside in shirtsleeves looked like solid luxury, after coming from the cooler regions where I had to wear an overcoat and mittens," he declared.

A barber in civil life, Pvt. Pearson made his home in Grasston, Minnesota, where he attended local public schools and subsequently went on to learn his trade. He was inducted at Fort Snelling, Minn., on January 12, 1942 and sent to Camp Grant immediately. "Camp Grant was alright, and I enjoyed my training there—but it can by no means compare with this place," he said. "Yes, I like Army life very much. I was glad to get into the medical corps because I don't believe the work will ever get monotonous for me—each case seems so different."

Pvt. Pearson was assigned to work as special attendant on ward D-1 on arrival here, and at present is doing his best to pull patient William Winton back to the healthy side, and doing a good job of it.

"My ambition in the army? Oh, that's to be an expert X-ray technician—I'm hoping for a chance to get into the School soon, and after that, I'd like to be stationed right here. But then I can't ask for everything," he grinned, "I'll be satisfied if I only get into the school."

Our "Buck of the Week" enjoyed hunting and fishing in his native state where lakes are plentiful and provide abundant bass and trout. Duck hunting is the pastime closest to his heart—and if you want to listen to a long story, just bring up the subject.



"I ask 'em for a raise and then the next thing that happens —I'm transferred to the Balloon Corps."

COLLEGE COURSES

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graphy, world history and ancient history of countries affected by the present war, civics, government, economics, sociology, psychology, statistics, health, vocational, technical and professional work directly related to military activities.

Applicants for enrollment in the Army Institute should choose the course he wishes to take, fills out form W.D.,A.I. No. 1 and obtains approval of the unit commander and mail this along with a check or money order for $2.00 to the commandant at the Army Institute in Madison, Wisconsin. Forms should be obtainable at organization headquarters, as well as a list of courses offered.

Prospects for university extension courses should obtain a catalog and application blank from the institution in which he wishes to enroll, and write to the school he wishes to later use the credits, making sure the course is acceptable for credit, then fill out form W.D.,A.I. No. 2 for enrollment, and obtain approval of his organization commander.

Universities offering courses in cooperation with the Army Institute number over eighty and are located in every section of the country. The names of the approved schools are listed with organization headquarters.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

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down to the third knuckle, as Corporal James G. Gust puts it, in anticipation of a visit from one young lady from Kansas City, Missouri.

M/Sgt. James C. Vaughn on duty at the front door of the Administration Building at eight each morning to welcome the civilian personnel.

SGT. PONTING'S HOBBY

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Ponting was detailed as orderly to the Commanding General, where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. Recently becoming the wearer of one hash mark on his left sleeve, Ponting tries to make it as conspicous as possible—he's proud of that stripe.

At present, Sgt. Ponting has every infantry regimental badge of the army, except for a few. "Getting a full collection without buying them is just as hard as it seems" he added, "with outfits scattered over the world right now, it looks like it may be years before it's complete. The war makes it more difficult to get just what I want—but I'll be darned if I'm ever going to give up until it is completed!" And one might add, from looking at the line of Ponting's handsome jaw, that it's certain he won't stop looking until he has every badge in the book.

NEUROPSYCHIATRY

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disposition and custody. This section receives many men from the whole west coast and even Hawaii. After classification has been affected the final disposition of the cases is such that after a short period many are sent back to duty or to civilian life able to take care of themselves. Others are sent to the U. S. Veterans Facility. The patients on the average stay here at Letterman about six weeks. This is an indication that the Section is busy and that it accomplishes wonders at putting the men classified through the maze of details necessary in classification and disposition so that each case can have the best possible considerations looking toward complete recovery.

A new fabric made from the short fibers of redwood bark combined with wool will soon be manufactured.

A total of 142 million packed boxes of citrus fruits was produced in the United States during the 1940-41 season.

A patent has just been issued for nylon automobile tires.

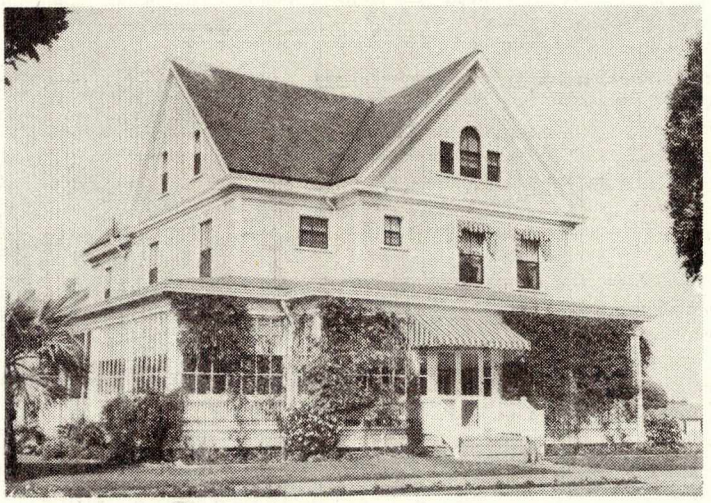
THE FOG HORN

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THE GENERAL'S HOUSE . . . QUARTERS NO. 1

Everyone is familiar with the lines of the poet, "build me more stately mansions—." The emphasis here is doubtlessly on the word "stately." The reference is not merely to a larger house, but to more noble ends. Quarters No. 1 on the Letterman Reservation has served this distinguished role in the past forty years. Residents of Quarters No. 1 have not only been well housed, but they have prospered in the things dear to the hearts of men—ambition to grow in recognition and in opportunity for service. Of the total number of officers who have resided in what is now commonly called "The General's House," all have risen in rank during their incumbency. Ibsen and Hawthorne and others have filled our minds in times past with the stories of "unlucky" houses. It may be that houses are no longer "haunted" or "unlucky," but the Generals quarters is most assuredly a "lucky" house!

Some years ago psychologists spent much time in the study of the requirements of a house to meet the psychological needs of those who dwell in houses. It was found that some houses were too small for the occupants psychologically, and some houses were too large, but on the whole it was found that it was better for a person to be too large for his house rather than otherwise. In the case of the General's house, while it is obvious that it is a spacious house, the real truth is that the occupants of Quarters No. 1 have been very gracious, intelligent, large spirited officers. Spacious quarters, indeed, but more spacious personalities! This overage of personality has accounted for the increased eminence of the distinguished dwellers of Quarters No. 1.



A FAMILIAR LANDMARK, the General's house is charmingly offset by climbing vines and well-kept gardens.

The Quartermaster Department has given a brief history of the quarters from a construction point of view. The quarters were built in 1902. Across the street from the quarters were the old tennis courts in use during the balmy days of the Panama Pacific Exposition. On Page 129, "History of the U. S. Army Hospital Presidio" by Rutherford, the following paragraph is quoted:

"**Plant.** In so far as the hospital proper was concerned, no alterations or additions were effected; but there were completed during the month of March one single and one double set of officers' quarters, for occupancy by members of the staff. These buildings had been authorized and their construction undertaken during the year 1901, upon recommendation of Colonel Girard. They are of frame structure, after the approved plans of the Quartermaster General."

It will be noticed that Colonel Girard was the first commanding officer here at Letterman. From the same source this interesting bit of data is supplied indicating that the average tour of duty for officers at that time was 8½ months! The quarters are located on what is now O'Reilly Avenue.

In the near future the War Department has promised to supply us with rather complete data on the officers who have been in command here at Letterman. On receipt of this data successive issues of the Fog Horn will acquaint us with the men who have directed in so distinguish-

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Letterman Staff Aids in Caring For Wreck Victims

In a train wreck which caused one death and burns and injuries to fifteen others, a Letterman group of six medical corps men and two army nurses in charge of Captain Eugene R. Perez, returning on the ill-fated train from Denver after disposing of transferred patients, proved that the medical corps is on its toes.

The train, Western Pacific's crack Exposition Flyer, collided with a lone freight locomotive forty miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada, at five o'clock Tuesday evening and within an hour and a half of the crash which virtually welded together the two locomotives, the group, under the calm direction of Capt. Perez, had the situation controlled in all aspects, both from a medical and police standpoint.

Quickly sizing up the situation, and realizing medical aid was imperative, Capt. Perez supervised converstion of the dining car into an emergency dressing room and three sleepers into wards where the injured passengers were evacuated after treatment, and given the same care as though in a hospital, despite makeshift conditions. Each passenger was sorted and classified and the sixteen casualties were completely examined and treated by the alert officer. Capt. Perez went about his work quickly and quietly, administering drugs to ease pain, deftly improvising splints for fracture cases, treating lacerations and contusions and calming nervous, excited passengers.

Tags were obtained from the baggage car, and all patients were la-

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LETTERMAN LANDSCAPING GIVEN START BY GENERAL DE WITT

Under the command of Brigadier General W. DeWitt, and supervised by Major John D. Foley, the landscaping of the Letterman Hospital grounds has come to be spoken of by all as distinctly superior, and will stand as a monument to the Army and also these men long after they have passed from this world.

When General DeWitt was commanding officer, a Colonel, of Letterman General Hospital, a keen foresight and true appreciation of the weather conditions, plus an extensive knowledge of flowers the world over, and an inherent love of nature and beauty, prevailed upon the General to make Letterman "one of the most beautiful hospitals—Army or Civilian—in the entire country." And to that end his efforts have been expended, and with remarkable results.

Example of his foresight were the choice of trees and shrubs which have grown from striplings during his first duty here to maturity during his present command. To the casual observer, the trim rows of Acacia Melinoxylon trees which border the walk between O'Reilly and Sternberg Avenues, or in front of the Administration Building, the closely clipped Monterey Cypress in front of the General's home, the shaggy, rugged-appearing cypress in front of the Administration Building, numerous pruned hedges and palm trees all seem so natural that few persons are aware of the toil and careful planning which placed them there years ago, but are unconsciously impressed with the grandeur and splendor of man's ingenuity and nature's response to the command—"grow."

A walk around the grounds with Mr. Fred M. Diernisse, head gardener, is a trip into the unbelievable to most of us, plus a liberal study in Latin—and yet a little time and close observation brings one to a better realization of the amount of energy expended to bring the grounds to the perfection achieved. Mr. Diernisse is a man of nature, a lover of the growing, and he has combined the generosity of the Commanding General and Post Exchange Council, who approve appropriations for landscaping, and his own life of experience and schooling to develop the perfection which has been achieved.

A native of Glamsbjerk, Denmark, he studied at the Technical School of Gardening in Odense, and came to this country in 1929 to employ his knowledge. His work carried him to many large estates on both East and West Coasts, and finally to Treasure Island in San Francisco during the World's Fair, where he was last man to leave before the plans of the Fair were turned over to their purchasers.

As head gardener here at Letterman he has proven his worth and has had the compliment of being "worth his weight in gold" paid him more than once. He is assisted by 13 men to whom the upkeep and constant care of each plant falls. They are Edgar Starr, Chris Monohan, Ned Harrison, Louis Cordioli, Charles Schrack, Knud Poulsen, Albert Nyberg, Charles Harang, David Cademartori, John Walburg, Bob Sadler, Walker Desmond.

Besides the trees, lawns and shrubs of the grounds, a greenhouse and large cut flower garden are under Mr. Diernisse's care. Cut flowers are so grown that during the entire year blossoms for the Wards, Nurses Officers, parties and homes are to be had. And at one time or another during the year almost any type of the more common flower can be had—Snapdragon, Iris, Chrysanthemums, Roses, Dahlias, Calendulas and many more. A constant planning of the rotation of flowers is present so that the tulips now blooming will scarcely drop their petals before Begonias are transplanted from their hot house boxes to take their place.

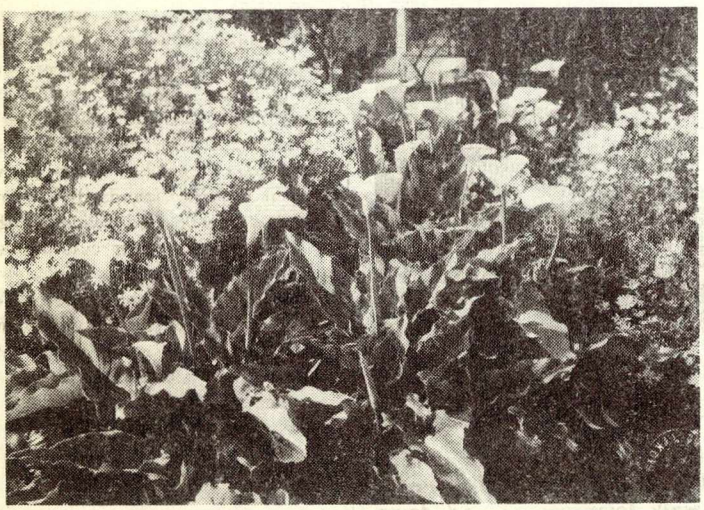
Mr. W. A. Reubold, owner of the Sunset Seed and Nursery, and Major Foley have long shared the enthusiasm of General DeWitt in striving for a garden of perfection. They have worked together in the selection and arrangement of the plants for the hospital.

Mr. Reubold was born and raised in San Francisco, and as he states, "played on these grounds 40 years ago as a boy." He has achieved remarkable success with the plants and flowers of this region because he has "specialized with those which grow best in this region and are typical of the climate." And as an example, from a glance at the land-

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TWO PHOENIX CANARIENSUS, usually called Date Palms or Canary Island Date Palms, form the balance in the enclosed garden of the hospital. The bed of flowers at its base is of Tulips which will be removed in approximately six weeks time and Exhibition Begonias planted. A formal Fountain at the present fish pond site, with Terra Cotta Glazed benches, bird baths and sun dials will soon be added to the garden.



CALLA LILIES and Marurietes blend to form a picture of natural, extravagant beauty. Both plants grow readily, are decorative and hardy and are used extensively as decorations.

LANDSCAPING

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scaping of the barracks erected last July one would assume that the luxuriant growth of plants had been there many years.

Mr. Reubold has been associated with the landscaping of Army posts in this vicinity for nearly 30 years —having worked on the grounds of all existing posts at one time or another. He has been associated with Letterman Hospital for 20 years. He pays General DeWitt the compliment of being "the most enthusiastic Commanding Officer in the development of the natural charms of the Hospital of any with whom he has dealt."

Have you ever walked along the path from the Administration Building to the car station and noticed the Acacia Armada tree—its prickly thorns making a very effective covering? Or crushed a leaf of the Myrtle standing beside it, and smelled the fragrant, pungent odor of the oils in the leaf? Or wondered what the tall flowers were within the circle of the walk (Hydrangias), or the white dusty flowers in the half circle (Prima Molecoides)? Have you ever noticed the Passion vine next to the parking lot, and its trellis companion, the Paul Scarlet rose? Or have you ever walked down Kennedy Avenue and smelled the Sweet William, or wondered where the Flowering Plum got such beautiful red-leaf coloring, or who planted such a gorgeous President Hoover rose, or admired the blue of the Butterfly Bush, the stateliness of the Calla Lilies, or the pink of the Flowering Peach? Take time some day to miss that first street car off the Post and look. A new appreciation for the Administrative Staff of the hospital, for the work that has been done in beautification of the post, will be more fully realized.

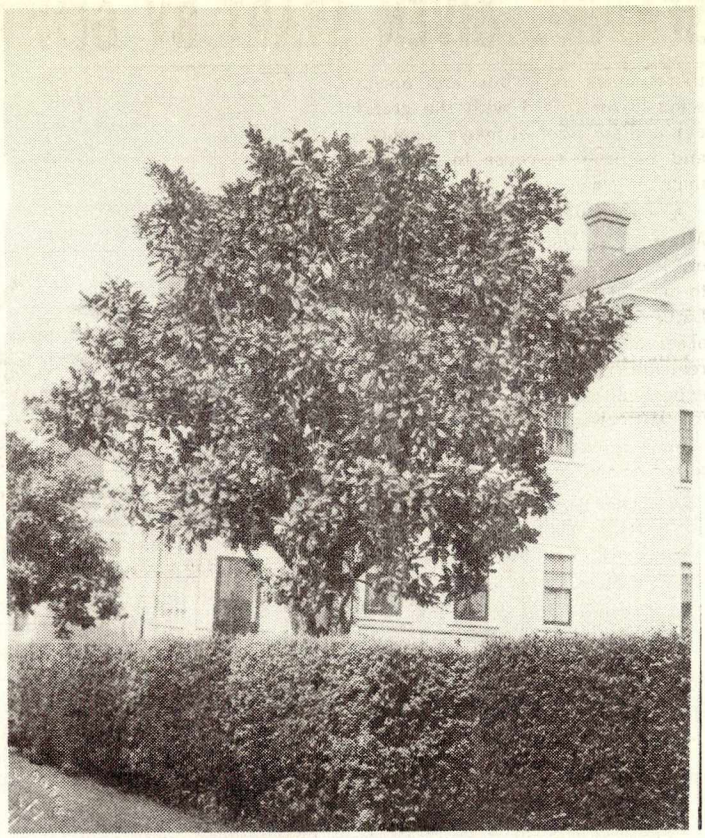
BLIND

The Spring blew trumpets of color;
Her Green sang in my brain—
I heard a blind man groping ..
"Tap—tap" with his cane;

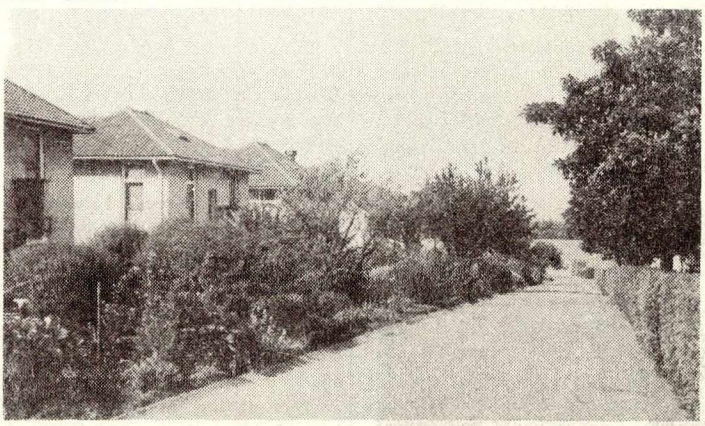
I pitied him in his blindness; ..
But can I boast, "I see"?
Perhaps there walks a spirit
Close by, who pities me,—

A spirit who hears me tapping
The five-sensed cane of mind..
Amid such unguessed glories—
That I am worse than blind.

—Harry Kemp



THE MAGNOLIA TREE (Magnolia Grandiflora) has been imported from the Southern States to Letterman and has acclimated itself readily. The large and heavy, dark-green, oblong leaves form a striking background for the blossoms—cream-white in color and of evtraordinary size and beauty—when they appear in late spring and early summer. It is a shapely and legendary tree; a symbol of the south in a cosmopolitan center. The tree in the above picture is inside the grounds of the officers' homes which are bordered the entire length of Kennedy Avenue by a California Privet Hedge.



THE NATURAL, wholesome charm of the garden which runs down the center of Kennedy Avenue is not fully appreciated until one takes time to walk leisurely up and down each side of it. The old-fashioned combinations of subdued and brilliant color-blends woven into the vari-colored greens of the foliage dispels all thoughts of formal planning.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to Clarence W. Kelly, Worthington J. Gardner and Wilver W. Wessell who were appointed Privates First Class.

We wish Sgt. Leonard H. Phillips and T/Sgt. James L. Smith success in their transfer to the Air Corps which was effected during the week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Oscar R. "Doc" Madsen understudying Mr. Jim Farley on the patients' mail route.

Two good men in the Detachment Office—we are referring to Sgts. Vascal E. Barton and Alfred A. Baer, of course, and just ask them.

Sgt. Jasper Martin qualifying in the golf tournament. "If you miss the ball on the first swing—why just swing, swing again, or get it on the second time around if you are flexible enough," quotes "Pro." Martin.

Corporal Patrick Wilds squiring a very lovely red haired young lady of late.

T/Sgt. Johnnie N. Hall bemoaning the fact that this is the first three months since he has been in the Army that he hasn't been engaged.

Pfc. Chester J. White listening very intently wor wedding bells . . . and I think he hears them.

Pfc. Ralph Mason again using that new shade of eye shadowing on one "orb." Very nice that, Ralph, and very patriotic, too.

S/Sgt. Chaucey Young, movie operator, making the most of his evenings "off" while the Recreation center undergoes repairs.

Sgt. Ralph Gustafson finally getting an order from the Detachment Commander to get his "Garbo style" hair cut to Army standards . . . and after being reminded twice by the 1st Sgt. that G. I. Hair cuts applied to him too.

That marriage seems to be one of the better tonics for the men who have been partaking of it of late . . . and very popular, too.

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

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The visitor to California may be inclined to suppose that the wonderful landscapes to be seen here are purely the result of nature. This supposition would be a grave error. Great men have put their lives into our landscapes. The trees that are so beautiful and so plentiful didn't merely "just happen." They were planted here by interested people. The great eucalyptus forests in and around San Francisco are the results of such plantings. The wonderful gardens here at Letterman are not the result of chance, but are the fruits of thinking and appreciating men who have seen that the grounds were planted.

In 1838 was born in the country of Scotland a young man by the name of John Muir. Due to an accident, it was necessary for him to travel, and in so doing he discovered what all of us need to know, namely, the wonder and beauty of the world of nature. Each of his travels urged him to do yet more and more. He investigated the trees and plants from the northern tip of Alaska to the southern tip of Lower California. Yosemite Valley owes much to his discoveries and the publicity resulting therefrom.

Across the Bay from us, nestled under the shade of Mt. Tamalpais, is the beautiful Muir Woods, one of the most delightful spots upon the face of the earth. Here are the last remnants of those grand old veterans of the past, the giant Sequoia trees. How they have survived the ravages of time, fire, and the greed of men is a mystery, but there they stand, the ramparts of the day that is past. "Past" unless more people develop something of the mind and interest of John Muir. Patients in the hospital and soldiers on duty here at Letterman should try to arrange a visit to Muir Woods.

John Muir spent much time here in San Francisco. It is believed that his spirit is behind the men and women who have seen to it that San Francisco is a beautiful city, and that Lincoln Park, and our Presidio and Letterman reservations are what they are.

In addition to John Muir, mention should be made of that wonderful St. Francis of plants, Luther Burbank. This man has done much to develop new types of trees and bushes. Fruits of California are largely a result of his thought and insight. Lovers of the beautiful flowers of California owe much to him also. These two men and others have made California a place of beauty and of true recreation.



To Private First Class and Mrs. Everett Kinnaman, California, a son, John Henry, weight six pounds, eleven ounces, born April 15, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lucien McLean, Stockton, California, a son, Anthony Arthur, weight eight pounds, five ounces, born April 16, 1942.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Warren A. Allen, California, a daughter, Dorothy Ann, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces, born April 16, 1942.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert E. Patrician, San Francisco, California, a daughter, Alice Kay, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces, born April 18, 1942.

To Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ransom, Letterman Hospitial, a son, John Chares, weight seven pounds, fifteen ounces, born April 19, 1942.

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THE OBSERVER SAW

Major Eugene E. Manning reports very interesting experiences in Philadelphia. His famous "whistling story," which, by the way, has nothing to do with the famous Whistler in the fine arts section of human experience, was very graphically portrayed. Contact the Major!

Gas! We learn that Col. Herbert pulled a "white rabbit" from his gas mask at a recent drill. You know old "sleight of hand" habits tend to persist. The audience seems to have enjoyed the Colonel's trick.

Major Humes has a natty way of putting on a gas mask, it is reported. He finds it easier to do it by "words" rather than by "numbers." We do not as yet have his formula, but when we get it, we will print it —provided, of course, it is not "restricted."

Felicitations were extended to Major Stanley A. Clark, Medical Administrative Corps, Officer in Charge of the Officers' and Civilian Personnel Office, on the occasion of his birthday, Tuesday, April 21, 1942. The landmark—50 years. All those passing the office that day were invited in by the proud Major to see how his force had remembered him. Beautiful roses were on the desk, a very practical fountain pen, and birthday greetings from the office personnel. All of us here at the hospital join in wishing Major Clark many more such pleasant birthdates.

TWO LETTERMAN SOLDIERS CLAIM BRIDES HERE

Two weddings of interest to Detachment personnel took place during the week.

Sgt. Jasper C. Martin and Miss Anne Nutini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Nutini of San Francisco were married April 14th. Maid-of-honor for the bride was Miss Dorthea Lee, and best man for the groom was Sgt. Preston M. Roller.

Private First Class Harold R. DuGay and Miss Bobbie Jean Six were joined in marriage by Chaplain Harry A. Shuder, Saturday, April 18th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Six of San Francisco. Miss Zeda Walling and Private First Class Richard Dills were maid-of-honor and best man for the couple.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 26, 1942

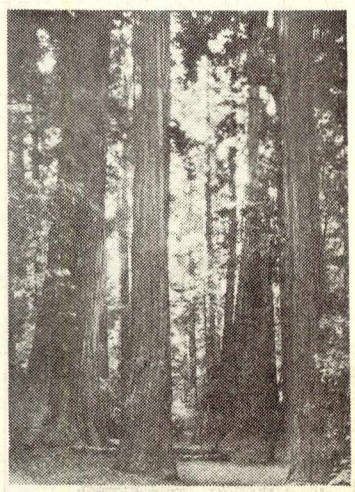
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



Miss Annie O. Baird and Miss Eileen M. Holtzen are now on the statue of patients. Miss Holtzen is a patient on Ward "G" and Miss Baird is confined to her quarters. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

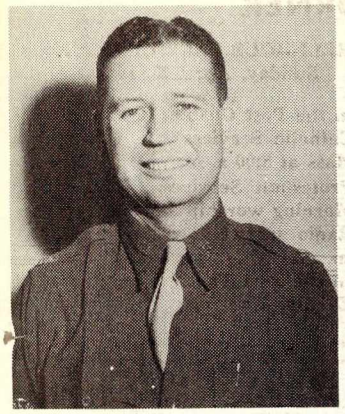
Miss Elizabeth Beedles, formerly stationed here at Letterman returned during the week on a visit. Miss Beedles is Chief Nurse at Fort Lawton, Washington.

Congratulations are extended Miss Frances Ewing on her promotion as Chief Nurse.



CATHEDRAL GROVE, Muir Woods National Monument, California.

FOUR LETTERMAN OFFICERS WIN PROMOTIONS



Lt. Col. ORIL S. HARBAUGH, MC
Chief of Orthopedic Section

Lt. Col. Oril S. Harbaugh was born in Oklahoma in 1903. He graduated from high school in Walla Walla, Washington, attended Whitman College for three years, and graduated from the University of Oregon with the degree of B. A. He received his M. D. from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1928. His interneship with a residency in medicine and surgery was done at San Diego County General Hospital. Since that date he has been in private practice at San Diego. On January 28, 1941, he entered the Army, and was assigned to Letterman General Hospital.

His wife was Miss Leila Mary Shipley of Lewiston, Idaho. Their son, George, is now nine years of age.

Col. Harbaugh is now Chief of our Orthopedic Section of Letterman General Hospital. His promotion recently was a recognition of his leadership, his efficiency, and the fine type of officer that he is.



Major CLARENCE H. GODARD, MC
Ward Officer N-2

Major Clarence H. Goddard was born in the state of Iowa in 1903. He attended high school in Ames, Iowa, and received his B. A. from Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois. He obtained his M. A. and M. D. from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. His Masters Degree was done in Clinical Psychiatry. His specialty from the beginning has been psychiatry. He completed his interneship in the hospitals in Minneapolis. Upon completion of this phase of his professional training, he entered the United States Army as a reserve officer at Fort Snelling, Iowa, where he remained for three years, after which he came to Los Angeles and entered the Psychiatric Hospital as resident physician, and at the same time entered private practice in the City of Los Angeles. He was a member of the Lunacy Commission for the County of Los Angeles. In July, 1941, he entered Letterman General Hospital, and is at the present time Ward Officer on N-2.

He married Miss Dorothy Deacon of Minneapolis. Two children, Geoffrey, age 4, and Judith, age 2, complete the family circle.

Major Godard is a serious and thorough student. He has developed a specialty which is of increasing value to the men of the Army. We congratulate him on his elevation to a Majority, a promotion which we believe is highly meritorious.



Major HAROLD P. MULLER, MC
Ward Officer, Orthopedic Section

Major Harold Powers Muller was born June 12, 1901, at Dunsmuir, California. His high school work was done in the San Diego High School, and the Oakland Technical High School. He graduated from the University of California in 1923, and from the University of California Medical School in 1929.

Major Muller has written his name in large on the register of athletes in America. He played football for the University of California in 1920, 1921, and 1922. He was a member of Andy Smith's Wonder Team, where he played the position of right end. In the game against Ohio State in 1921, New Year's Day at Pasadena, he threw a pass for 70 yards, which was completed for a touchdown. This was the longest pass ever made in football history. The Major was All-American End for the years 1921 and 1922. The name Muller in and about the State of California has become a symbol of sportsmanship. It can very easily be said that he was one of the best football ends the world has ever seen. His position here at Letterman serves to give to all of us the feeling of distinction, for he combines this wonderful memory and football record with a high professional achievement.

The Major married Miss Mildred Carson of Van Horn, Texas. Only recently, indeed, only 15 days ago, the Major became the proud father of a young "Brick" Muller, Scott Carson Muller.

The Major is now Ward Officer, Ward D-1, of the Orthopedic Section.



Lt. Col. ROSS PAULL, MC
Chief of Officer Patient Section

Lieut. Col. Doss Paul was born in Ridgeway, Wisconsin. He graduated from local high schools in Ridgeway, and his college work was done at the Wisconsin University. He received his A. B. from that institution, and his M. A. in 1925. He then attended Harvard, and obtained his degree in medicine from that university in 1927. He then came to San Diego County General Hospital where he held a rotating interneship. He did both a medical and surgical residency at the same institution. Upon the completion of this work he was elevated to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of the San Diego County General Hospital. He then entered the Scripps Metabolic Clinic in La Jolla, where he spent a year in special research. He entered general practice of medicine at La Jolla, where he remained until February 17, 1941, when he entered the United States Army at Letterman General Hospital.

He married Miss Jane Gibbs of Boston, Mass., and one child, Jane Hancock, 23 months old, completes their family to date.

He is now Chief of the Officer Patient Section of Letterman General Hospital, a splendid officer, and an excellent gentleman.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

BREVITIES IN THE NEWS

Some of the officers returning from detached service this week are Captain Chester G. Moore, medical corps, and Lieutenant Andre Suppo. Both of these officers reported having a fine trip.

Due to the future absence of 1st Sergeant John T. Young, Staff Sergeant Hilmer H. Fauske has been learning the management of the 1st Sergeant's office. Sergeant Young will leave for Officer's Training School on Sunday, April 26, 1942.

Corporal Benjamin T. Shedoudy had the opportunity last week he had much waited for. Shedoudy went on detached service to Denver, Colorado, and on the return trip he took the southern route and visited his mother and friends at Raton, New Mexico.

Major Robert T. Terry, merical corps, is now on detached service and has attended a meeting of the College of Physicians. At the present time he is taking tests at the Board of Internal Medicine, St. Paul, Minnesota.

TWO LETTERMAN PATIENTS AMONG ISLAND HEROES

"All of the heroes of this war aren't the ones we've been hearing about—most of them we'll never hear of," opinionated two of the Philippine evacuees to arrive at Letterman. They are Technical Sergeant Verne Debes and Private First Class Franklin Cardwell, both of the Air Corps, and both victims of the Jap surprise raids in the Philippines on December 8 and 9 of last year. Sgt. Debes was stationed at Nichols Field six miles north of Manila and Pfc. Cardwell was on duty at Clark Field 60 miles south of Manila at the time of the raids.

Cardwell had been driving a "tug" (a small tractor used for pulling planes around the hangars) across the field with his back to the Jap planes at the time of their first appearance. "I heard some planes coming down fast," he described, "because I couldn't see them, I naturally took it for granted it was our patrol coming in—but the minute I heard the first whistle of a falling bomb, I remembered what happened the day before in Honolulu, but it was too late for me to do anything. The next thing I knew, I was lying on the ground with one of my arms absolutely useless—that must have been 15 minutes later I guess. I looked around and the landing field was a mess and covered with bomb holes. The only thing I could do was to crawl to the nearest bomb hole and wait there until the raiding planes flew away an hour later. Then I got out and found I could walk up the hill to the station hospital," he went on. "What hurts most was the fact that I couldn't get out of the crater and do something to stop the horrible Japs—it meant sure death if I did."

Sgt. Debes' predicament was just about the same as Cardwell's, though it happened the next morning at 3:30 o'clock, when his plane had just landed after making an uneventful routine patrol of the area. Sgt. Debes was a gunner, and he too had just heard of the raids that were made by the Japs on December 7, and was anxious to avenge the dastardly work. "It was still dark when we came in on Nichols Field," he explained, "and I had just gotten out of the ship with the rest of the crew, when we heard bombs falling all around us—one of the first bombs dropped very close to the plane, and the next thing I knew, just like Frank here, was that one of my arms was useless, and hurt like blazes, but all I could do was to lie there until the enemy left. Then I got up and walked over to the dispensary. We didn't have a station hospital, so they sent me to Ft. McKinley as soon as was practical."



PFC. FRANKLIN CARDWELL on the left and Technical Sgt. Verne Debes. They witnessed first Jap raids on the Philippines . . . "the heroes we hear about aren't the only heroes."

Ft. McKinley is about 10 miles southeast of Manila, and it was there that Sgt. Debes first received complete medical aid. "I stayed there for a few days, and then they sent me to Sternberg General Hospital in Manila," the Sgt. recalled. (It was at Sternberg that the two soldiers met first, and have been together ever since.)

A warm feeling of understanding is evident when the two of them are together, which is most of the time, for these men have gone through much together since last December.

Both of them left Manila at the same time under the greatest secrecy, they revealed, just before the Japs began their invasion of the city. "We were told to get our things and were taken to a ship, having no idea where we were going—and it wasn't any too soon, because things soon started popping in Manila," the Sgt. told. "They took us to Australia where we were hospitalized until the time we left for Letterman," he added.

Sgt. Debes had to leave his wife and child on the island, but feels confident they are safe someplace, although he has not yet been able to get word to them. He expressed his belief that the International Red Cross would find them soon and ease his mind completely. He is a veteran of 12 years service, and has seen over five years duty in Hawaii and the Philippines.

The Sgt. is a native of Volga Iowa, and expects to go back there shortly for a visit with his family until he can join his wife and young daughter again. Pfc. Cardwell hails from Billings, Montana, and like Sgt. Debes, will soon get a trip home to see his family, although they would both like to be returning to get a crack at the Japs.

"Like the islands?" they say, "why there's no place like them after you live there awhile. We're going back to make our homes there when this thing is over—and it won't be long either!"

And the confident tone of voice they use makes one know that it won't be long, either.

Q. M. NEWS

With the discharge of Master Sergeant Chambers to accept commission as a first lieutenant, two vacancies were created in the grade of Master and Technical Sergeants, with Technical Sergeant Middleton being promoted to Master, and Staff Sergeant Brown being promoted to Technical Sergeant.

Private Jerry L. Swaner has joined the detachment by transfer from the Detachment Medical Department, and has been assigned for duty to the Post Bakery. Welcome to the Detachment, Jerry.

"Pop" Latimer, our young messenger boy, has entered the hospital for a short stay, and Larry Paris has been pinch-hitting for him as messenger. Larry says that he likes the job except for one thing, and that is, some of the fellows mistake him for "Pop." Hurry and get back to duty, "Pop."

Also entering the hospital for treatment was Pvt. Giovannetti, the detachments star baseball player.

As predicted by yours truly in the last column written in this paper, the detachment has received its allotment of Technician Ratings, but they will not be given out until the first of May.

Private "Red" Hughes has been transferred to the Medical Department at Fort Mason.

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



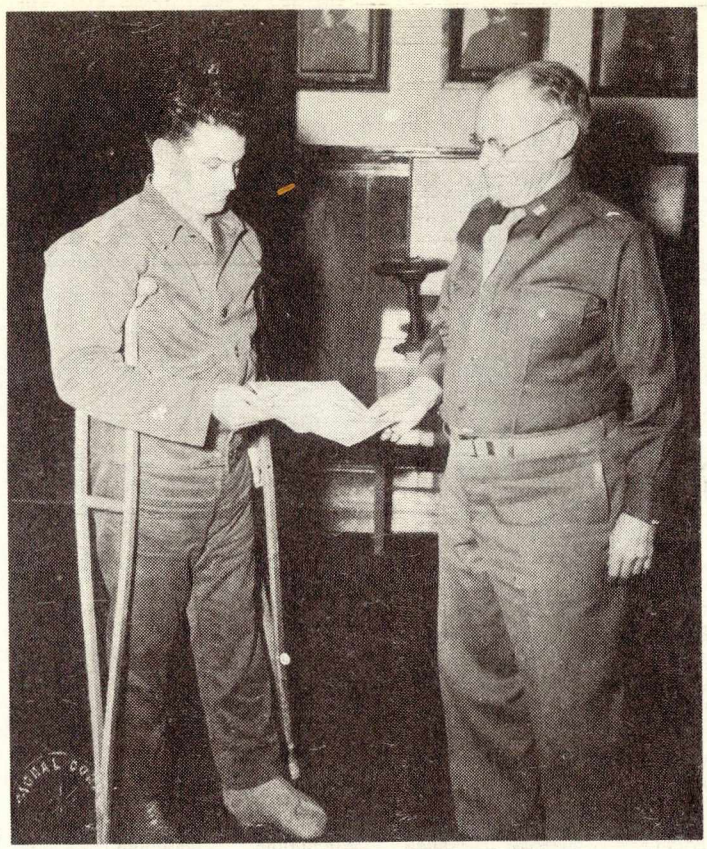
Pvt. HYMEN GEORGE ESCOW

Although the number 13 seems to be unlucky for some, Buck of the Week Hymen George Escow believes that anything with that number in it is his good luck sign. "I was number 13 on my draft board list, I came to Letterman on the 13th, my serial number ends in 13, I was born on the 13th, and . . ." and he goes on to give examples too numerous to mention of things that happened on the 13th that proved to be fortunate for him.

Pvt. Escow is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and received his grammar and high school education in schools of that city. He volunteered for the army over one year ago while still a student at the University of Illinois, where he was completing his fourth year in the study of entomology, botany and landscape architecture, with an eye to a career in that field, but left there because his patriotic feeling was stronger than his desire to finish college, although he has his heart set on returning for his degree and career in his chosen field. Pvt. Escow was assigned to the 30th Infantry last April, where he acted in the capacity of messenger and company runner. "The infantry was all right, but became too monotonous" he declares, "so I asked for a transfer to the medical corps, and here I am. I believe the work is much more interesting because here you deal with individuals and each case is different. Besides, I believe there is more chance for advancement." He came to Letterman on November 13, 1941, and has been a ward man since, with current headquarters on ward three.

Pvt. Escow has had two years of military training at the University of Illinois, so is well versed in military tactics. He expects to enter Officers Training School for the Medical Administrative Corps, where his knowledge of science will help him considerably, he believes—"At least I hope to get there," he says with a friendly smile that has won him countless friends around Letterman. And from talking with Pvt. Escow, one knows that he will be wearing bars before the war is over.

SOLDIER BUYS BONDS—$600 WORTH



Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt presents the first bonds of the Letterman series to patient Tony H. Banchero. Banchero bought $600 worth of Defense Savings Bonds, to show that he knows his economics as well as his country's need.

Hundreds of inquiries are coming in to Chaplain H. A. Shuder, Post Defense Bond Officer here at Letterman, for information on how to buy the bonds. This information will be presented very soon on posters that will be placed at conspicuous places about the hospital. For information call Chaplains' Office at 2092. A special bond office is being arranged for greater convenience for all soldiers and civilians on the post. The phone number of the Bond Office is 2673.

The General congratulated Tony Banchero on his splendid good fortune in being able to own two of the best securities in the United States.

Sudden thought . . . A fellow who feels like a million dollars on the night of his pass usually feels like two-cents the morning after.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

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WHAT PRICE GLORY

When Private Dave Ingall, Fort Benning, Georgia, had his picture appear on the front page cover of Life magazine with a pretty girl, he was the envy of quite a number of soldiers all over the country—but Pvt. Ingall couldn't quite see it that way.

The quips that were thrown up to him by his buddies and officers he soon got used to and he even thrilled at times to some of the pink colored notes he received from many girls all over the country. But alas it was too much for this one and only back home, who hasn't written him since.

They Did It Again —Letterman Ten Wins Another Tilt

In an abreviated game Tuesday, April 21st, at Rolfe Field, the Letterman Softball Team continued their march of victories by dumping the South San Francisco Native Sons' nine 4 to 0. The highlight of the game was the one-hit pitching performance of Bobby Carroll, lanky Letterman twirler. The game was called at the end of the fifth inning, but according to Coach Windy West, "the club showed more class than in any game to date, but we still must improve on our hitting."

Muenchow, of the Special Service School, looked classy on third base, and is a definite improvement to the already fast infield.

Rounding out the balance of the infield are Swede Anderson at short, Craig at second, and Big Eddie Haverty at first, with Captain Bill DeMello doing the majority of the receiving.

In a recent conversation with Coach West, we find that the team has entered the Class "A" competition in the City Recreation League, "and we should finish right up on top."

Lineups for Tuesday's game are:

LETTERMAN	AB	H	R
Morey, lf	3	1	1
Anderson, 1b	1	0	0
Peery, rf	2	1	0
Haverty, c	2	0	0
Jarvi, cf	2	1	0
Muenchow, 3b	2	0	0
Craig, ss	2	1	0
Pascal, sf	2	1	0
Norris, 2b	2	0	1
Carrol, p	2	1	1

NATIVE SONS	AB	H	R
LaGrave, cf	1	0	0
Mahoney, sf	2	0	0
McDonald, c	1	0	0
Mario, 1b	2	0	0
Peters, ss	2	0	0
Fox, 3b	2	1	0
Weinholz, p	1	0	0
Bazzani, 2b	2	0	0
Dotseth, lf	2	0	0
Deeds, rf	1	0	0

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	
LETTERMAN	1	3	0	0	0	4
NATIVE SONS	0	0	0	0	0	

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This issue of the Fog Horn is dedicated to the trees and gardens at Letterman, and in a general way to the trees of California. President Wilbur of tSanford University has pointed out that unless we do long range planning in reforestration, for a period of 100 years, California will return to the ranks of deserts.

Rainfall necessary for crops and vegetation is dependent upon our forests and trees. It is true that the world is fighting a battle for self-preservaion, but what is not so generally known is that our enemies are also those among us indifferent to and careless of our trees and our forests. When trees are destroyed, the billions of tons of moisture in our mountains descend into the ocean, the waters of the ocean rise, and the fetile lands by our rivers and ocean shores are lost to the waves. This is the truth behind the ancient story of the "Flood." It accounts for the "Ice Age" periods. It is the threat to our present civilization!

We dedicate this number of the Fog Horn to our trees, and our parks, and to those noble men and women who have planted and preserved them. We dedicate this number to our young men here and elsewhere, knowing that they are becoming more tree-minded. In their hands lie the hopes of preserving this essence of life. It has been said that "The trees were God's first temples." The final temples ,also, probably will be our trees.

GENERAL'S HOUSE

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ed a manner the fortunes of this great institution of healing.

Be assured at this time that Quarters No. 1 has a distinguished record. It has memories within it of a splendid line of noble men whose service has been a tribute to efficiency and integrity in the annals of the United States Army.

"And that, my son, was how the first World's War was won."

"But Pop . . . why did they need all the other soldiers?"

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Serve in Silence



MRS. KATZ keeps a stern eye on the young ones as Miss Jane Sanctuary, ANC, gives nourishment with an eyedropper. Miss Sanctuary is nurse on Ward B-2, where the Katz family makes their home, and has given Mrs. Katz inestimable help in keeping the kittens healthy, since their birth a few days ago.

Mrs. Katz has done it again. Last November she presented the personnel of Ward B-2 with four tiny kittens, and last week she duplicated the performance to a fine point —this "batch," like the last, contained three black kittens and one yellow one (or of a color thereabouts).

Brought into the world without the aid of anyone but mother nature, Mrs. Katz' family has not yet seen the light of day as their eyes are not yet open, but the proud mother expects to take them on an introductory tour of the hospital within the next week, and no doubt will give the offspring a lecture on the values of the hospital to felines —she herself has lived most of her nine lives here, and has thrived very well. "What more can a cat ask for," she meows, "I've raised two families here, always had plenty to eat and I've entertained a great deal." Mrs. Katz is well known to all the patients on B-2, as well as neighboring ward officers and nurses and has callers frequently.

Nestled in the same box with the four young ones, Mrs. Katz refused to say anything further except for a satisfied "meowwww" when stroked between the ears. She is at present sporting miniature bells attached to her collar—a maternity gift from last November—although such fancy ornaments are for younger cats, she enjoys the musical tinkle they make whenever she moves her head.

Although not under doctor's orders, the maternal cat is doing as well as can be expected, her contented meows indicate, and is resting comfortably in the state of bliss common to mother cats with healthy well-behaved babies.

Mrs. Katz did not designate the whereabouts of Tom Katz, but it was presumed he was busy passing out herrings to the feline population in place of cigars.

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

—Joyce Kilmer

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belled Army fashion, with name diagnosis and treatment stated on the tag. The technique employed in handling the casualties was the same as that prescribed by the Army for battalion aid stations and hospitals and strict order and an atmosphere of calmness and confidence took the place of what only a few minutes before might have been a frenzied excited mob.

Capt. Perez organized three air corps lieutenants and a navy lieutenant to police the cars and avert panic. Sentries were posted at both ends of the wrecked train to make sure that no other trains would collide with the smash-up in the obscure canyon. Men were stationed in the wards with shifts organized for relief. Each patient was given attention at frequent intervals, and the treatment rendered and general condition of the individual recorded on the improvised medical tag so that when they delivered the casualties to the railroad physician in Winnemucc a six hours later, there was no confusion or mix-up about treating the patients further, and all patients were in the same condition as though they had spent six hours in a regular emergency hospital.

The speedy, well regulated action and cool thinking on the part of Capt. Perez deserves high commendation, as well as the group which carried out his orders efficiently and calmly.

Members of the Army Nurse Corps who participated in the treatment and evacuation are 2nd Lts. Barbara D. Walker and Helen E. Calleson. Enlisted men who assisted Capt. Perez are Sgt. Rudolph O. Schellhorn, Corp. Alfred Rozadilla, Pfc Howard F. Johnson, Pvt. Raymond H. Jensen, Pvt. William E. Hamm and Pvt. Lee W. Arnold, all of this post. None of them received injury in the crash.

The entire medical department can well be proud of the actions of each of them—they proved the worth of the Medical Corps, not only to the Army, but to the entire country.

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Army Emergency Relief Section Established Here

As an executive nucleus of the new Army Emergency Relief recently established on this post to extend emergency financial aid to any member of this command or his dependents, a Board of Directors of three officers has been established. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas L. McKenna as Director of the Board will be assisted by Major James M. Callaway, Member, and Captain Lemuel R. Williams, Secretary.

The Army Emergency Relief was incorporated as a private charitable association to establish a fund which would be readily accessible to relieve the distress of all Army personnel and their dependents—including dependents of retired or honorably discharged or deceased personnel, and was established to work in conjunction with the American Red Cross, not to substitute or duplicate, but will supplement in certain special cases, the welfare activities of the Red Cross.

It is governed by a Board of Managers: A President (the Under Secretary of War), two Vice-Presidents (the Assistant Secretaries of War), the Executive Director (Major General Wm. N. Hashell), the National Secretary (Colonel Trubee Davison, Air Corps), the National Treasurer (Mr. Ord Preston, Union Trust Company, Washington, D. C.), and nine members appointed by the President of the A. E. R., who will direct the expenditures of funds allocated to the various Army posts and directed by the Commanders of these posts.

Funds to swell the coffers of this organization will be subscribed from many sources, and Membership to

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TANFO TURF TO TAKE TEMPORARY TENANTS UNDER TARPAPER TOPS

No longer will the bang-tails thunder down the home stretch at Tanforan race track, no longer will the street corner tout offer to whisper "a sure one in the fifth" in exchange for a quarter, nor will the cigar store man hint that there might be something of interest in the back room should you be concerned with Tanfo gee'-gees—for yesterday, although they weren't there to see the hay-burners gallop and perhaps make a wager or two, Tanforan had hundreds of people—they comprised the first mass evacuation group of Japanese who were ordered to move from the bay area, a restricted zone, by order of Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, and to settle in inland territory.

Tanforan was last month selected as assembly center for many hundreds of San Francisco Japanese residents, and they began reporting there Thursday to await relocation and resettlement at a selected interior point, just as Santa Anita is serving as clearing house and assembly center for Manzanar in Owens valley.

Two thousand Japanese registered from the city last week and will be on their way out of the operations zone in the near future in compliance with General DeWitt's order to clear the coast of 13,000 Japanese by the third of May. A total of 5,000 will be removed from Northern California by that time, and the remainder of the 13,000 will be evacuated from Southern California, Oregon and Washington. Assembly centers have been set up in central locations of these states, and evacuation is already under way.

And so yesterday old jalopies, trucks, station wagons and shiny new cars plied their way to the infield of the old race track, filled with household goods, furniture and personal belongings, and of course—Japanese families. The order which required the Japanese to furnish their own transportation brought every type of conveyance to the track, from a 1923 lizzie to a new limousine.

The army, in the meantime, moved 1,000 Japanese from the Los Angeles area to Manzanar, and completed plans to move 2,000 more during the week. The removal of local Japanese to the former race track marks the evacuation of 35,000 Japanese from restricted areas, leaving 77,000 still in residence. Present orders expect to remove the total remainder by the middle of May, and every cog in the evacuation machine is being speeded up to move the Japanese as fast as facilities will permit. Camp sites are being built for them in fertile valley areas and inland states to accommodate the large numbers, and although the locale of the Japanese will be new and different, and their occupations will be in some instances necessarily changed, life will go on for them just the same. They will have their families, weddings, births . . . warm, comfortable quarters, good food and a chance to keep busy. While the areas selected for permanent camps are mainly agricultural, the Wartime Civil Control Authority will also develop industrial activity so that there will be a place for every evacuee to fit his training and background.

And so, while the hay-dealers lose their equine patronage at Tanforan for the next few seasons, and there

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Candidates for Officers' Schools Will Go to Texas

The three new appointees of this Command to attend the Officers' Training School at Camp Barkeley, Texas, beginning the early part of May, are Staff Sergeants LeRoy E. Sixberry, Irwin F. Halteman, and Sergeant Vachel E. Barton. If the course of instruction is completed satisfactorily, they will be discharged from the regular Army and receive commissions as Second Lieutenants, Medical Administrative Corps.

Staff Sgt. Halteman began his first tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands after enlisting in his home town of Reading, Pennsylvania. This enlistment extended over a two and a quarter year period after which he was discharged in San Francisco. A few months of civilian life, and Sgt. Halteman was back in the service, this time enlisting at Letterman Hospital in December, 1935. He has remained here since that time, and is well on his third period of enlistment at this hospital.

A quiet, industrious person, he has steadily forged ahead in his work which has found him closely associated with the administrative aspects of hospital routine in his capacity of Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the office of the Chief of the Medical Service.

Staff Sergeant LeRoy R. Sixberry came to Letterman directly from his enlistment station at Fort Missoula, Montana, in November, 1941, and has been here since that time.

He was born in Bayard, Nebraska, but moved to Wyoming where his grade school years were spent. His High School years found him attending schools in Torrington, Wyoming; Morrill, Nebraska; and Har-

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'FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE'



Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, pinning the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart on Staff Sgt. George Deraney, of Boston, Mass.

Grouped around the general are other men who received the same decoration at the time. Left to right: Sgt. Charles E. Waite, Jr., of Hamilton, Ohio; St. Sgt. Robert H. Baldwin, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Pvt. Horace Tiffany, of Milton, Wisconsin; Corp. Noel E. Durbin, of Palmer, Ill.; Pvt. Naif E. Salloum, of Detroit, Mich.; St. Sgt. Irwin Falkenburg, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Sgt. Edwin G. Smith, of York, Penna.; and Sergeant George Kissel, of Westhampton, N. Y.

MOTHER'S DAY

The patients and personnel are reminded that Sunday, May 10, is the annual Mother's Day.

On that occasion it is the desire of the Secretary of War that every soldier write a letter to his mother. To cooperate with this wish, the Chaplain has had printed a supply of Mother's Day stationery which will be distributed on the Wards.

Make your resolution now to write to mother on Mother's Day!

TANFO TURF TO TAKE TEMPORARY TENANTS

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will be one less place for bettors to wait for their ship to come in, thousands of people will come and go in the largest mass movement the coast has ever seen.

The Issei Japanese settled themselves at Tanforan as comfortably as possible pending further evacuation. Facilities there are good, although some Japanese are not yet accustomed to our ways of living. For instance, the little fellows were not used to spraying showers as means of washing the body, and had to be asked to stop using the laundry tubs for bathing. It was necessary to use the following notice in the washrooms: "Please use the showers. Bathing in the tubs works an unaccustomed hardship on them and should be stopped immediately."

COLONEL WEED TO COMMAND AT LETTERMAN

The War Department has published orders announcing the assignment of Colonel Frank W. Weed, Medical Corps, to command of Letterman General Hospital on completion of his present tour of duty as Surgeon of the First Army.

Rubberless golf balls may soon be placed on the market.

Army Sick Rate For Winter Shows 50 Per Cent Cut

The general health of the Army during the past winter was approximately 50 per cent better than for the same period a year before, the Surgeon General informed the War Department today.

Normally higher admission rates during the winter months are expected due to common respiratory infections with their serious complications, the Surgeon General points out. The past winter has been an exception and sick rates were unusually low.

Hospital admission rates per 1000 per annum for the winter period November to February, inclusive, U. S. Army in the United States, show a 50 per cent reduction in admissions, all causes; 52 per cent for disease only, and 70 per cent for respiratory infections from those of the corresponding period in 1940-1941. The reductions translated into days added for training, savings in drugs and hospital supplies, transportation, and incidentals, represents a decided addition to the war effort, not to mention the effect on morale and well being, the report said.

Cited by the Surgeon General as factors making for improvement were the following:

1. Health conditions throughout the United States were very good despite the marked changes due to war, and no extensive epidemics occurred.

2. The Army was composed of seasoned troops who had months of rigorous training in camps and maneuvers. New men were absorbed in old units.

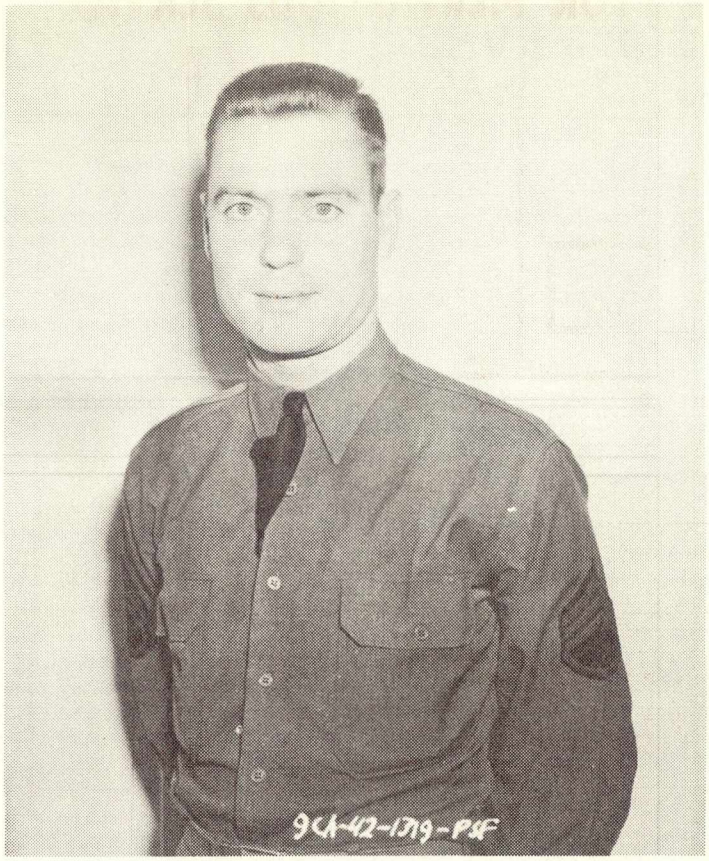
3. The increase in the Army was limited to the facilities available for housing, supply, hospitalization, etc. In other words, preparations for the care of the soldier were complete before he was called to service.

4. The preventive measures enforced in the Army to assure proper food, pure water, adequate clothing, ventilation, heating, and wholesome exercise and amusement.

5. The interest of the surgeon in guarding the health of the command through sick call, sanitary inspections, and in hospital.

Through safety devices, provision of frequent rest periods, and other methods, industrial accidents were reduced 69 per cent in the fourteen years from 1927 to 1940.

STAFF SGT. LEROY R. SIXBERRY



ONE OF THE enlisted men chosen to attend Officer Candidate School at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Memorial Day Floral Tributes

The Chaplains at Fort Myer, Virginia, and the Presidio of San Francisco, California, will serve the personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard by decorating the graves of such of their deceased relatives and friends as are interred, respectively, in Arlington National Cemetery and in the Presidio of San Francisco National Cemetery at San Bruno, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1942.

It is believed that undoubtedly many officers and enlisted men, and their families, who cannot personally attend to it, will desire to avail themselves of this opportunity to have the graves of their loved ones cared for on this occasion.

The plan is to provide a standard floral emblem in the form of a wreath carrying a large bunch of flowers for the sum of $2.00. To facilitate the handling of funds and the ordering of floral pieces, it is desired that the standard emblem be used so far as it will be acceptable. However, if some wish to spend larger sums on flowers, special floral emblems of proportionately larger size and value will be purchased. Such decorations as are sent direct to either Chaplain, or which are delivered to him by florists, will be placed upon the designated graves as soon as received.

All correspondence and remittances pertaining to the decoration of graves should be addressed to:

The Chaplain, Fort Myer, Virginia (for Arlington), or to: The Chaplain, Presidio of San Francisco, California (for the Presidio Cemetery and the Golden Gate Cemetery), and should be in his hands by May 25, 1942. It will not be possible to fill orders after that date. Requests should indicate, THE NAME, RANK and ORGANIZATION of the deceased, and if possible, THE GRAVE or LOT NUMBER WITH SECTION in which the deceased is buried.

Serve in Silence

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Congratulations: to **Richard Herzog**, assistant instructor in the Pharmacy School, upon his promotion to technician 5th class.

Major Terry, Head of the Medical School, returned Monday from the meeting of the "American College of Physicians" held at St. Paul, Minn.

Very professional looking were the portraits of the members of this detachment, made by the instructors in the X-ray School, these amateur photographers, **Capt. Haskell**, and Tech. 4th Class **Allen Crampton**, have also made excellent use of their cameras to illustrate X-ray technique to their students.

Maurice Haskell, head of the X-ray School, was promoted to the rank of Captain last week, congratulations! Captain, and thanks for the cigars.

Corp. **Alfred Rozadilla**, in addition to his regular duties, has been assigned as mail orderly, and at this writing, is doing a very efficient job of it.

Mrs. **La Vern E. Baldwin** presented her husband with a new baby boy early last Sunday, the youngster's name is Stanley Peter, both Lt. and Mrs. Baldwin are convalescing nicely.

PROMOTION

By direction of the President, the Secretary of War has announced the promotion of 1st Lieut. Robert G. Rate, Medical Corps, to the rank of Captain.

Captain Rate has been on the staff of Letterman Hospital for nearly two years and is at present on duty in the Outpatient Department.

'MISSING WIVES'

A group of volunteers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is setting up a list of Officers' wives up-to-the-minute addresses. This group wants officers' wives to send in their present addresses, husbands' names and rank. Information about the addresses of friends may be had if applicant will send a self-addressed penny postcard.

The list is not to be used for solicitation and no legal obligations are assumed. Communications should be addressed to "The Locaters," P. O. Box 537, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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EDITORIAL

CORREGIDOR

The old adage, "when you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on," is more than a motto for the men on Corregidor these days.

They had come to the end of the line of retreat—nothing in back of them except the wide expanse of Manila Bay—but they made the "Rock" the place to hang on, and what a magnificent job they are doing at that!

Forts Hughes, Drum, and Frank—Caballo, El Fraile, and Carabao to those who know the scene—maintain the same brave fronts on the pattern set by the troops of Fort Mills on Corregidor Island.

The news dispatches and photographs from the battle front give generous praise to the personnel of the Medical Department. They are behind the men behind the line, and live up to the best traditions of the service.

To the officers, nurses, and men of the Medical Department still holding out at Corregidor, we send a fond "Aloha."

'TEENY-WEENIES'

In the registration of 21-year-old men on July 1, 1941, a registrant of Powell County Local Board No. 141, Stanton, Ky., gave his name as Little Hatton and his father's name as Babe Hatton. Last February 16 the father, Babe Hatton, registered and recorded his wife's name as Tiny Hatton.

(Selective Service)

To protect their health, new employes are given physical examinations in many industrial companies in the United States.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The bulletin board in the Staff Room plastered with PPC cards and bearing the names of Major **Steinhoff,** Major **Martin,** Captain **Perez,** Capt. **May,** Captain **Lewis N. Specker,** Lieut. **Ford,** Lieut. **Rubenfield,** and Lieut. **Granger.**

The four new kittens on Ward B-2 and only one of them a tomcat. A movement is afoot to name the he one **"Joe"** after a popular member of the staff.

Standing room only for Majors—some of them—in the group photo taken last week. And we once thought that a Major was a mighty high rankin' ossifer.

The smile on Sgt. **Casserly's** face these days as he thinks of spending next winter at Palm Springs amid the splendor of El Mirador.

A post card from Miss **Isabel McCullough** from Juneau and sending a greeting to all of her associates in this area.

A report from Roberts quoting Major **Carl Steinhoff** as saying the mess down there did not compare with Sawyer's. He could be right.

Several of our set putting in their orders for regular purchases of the war bonds and a fine example they set for the rest of us.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Theresa Mae Trudeau, formerly a member of the Army Nurse Corps attached to the staff at Letterman Hospital, and Lieut. James Jackson Ford, assistant to the Post Quartermaster, were united in matrimony at a quiet ceremony held in the Post Chapel on April 11, 1942.

Miss Ann B. Bakalar was the maid of honor and John B. Rhode was the best man with Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna as the officiating clergyman.

The newly married couple will make their home temporarily in San Francisco.

One ton of paper that is salvaged from old magazines will wrap about 17,000 rounds of fuses for the Army.

A N C



The recent promotion of Miss **Frances Ewing** to the rank of Chief Nurse (1st Lieutenant) in the Army Nurse Corps of the Regular Army is fitting recognition for one who has done a good job wherever assigned. For two years Miss Ewing was the Chief Anesthetist in our Surgery and then was advanced to Supervisor of Surgery about a year ago. Her friends and admirers are greatly pleased over her appointment as Chief Nurse.

We welcome another addition to the ranks of the Reserves on active duty in the person of Miss **Vivian Cogswell,** who joined station here last week. Miss Cogswell is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois, lived in San Bernardino until she had completed her high school course, and then went back to the Jewish Hospital in St. Louis for her professional training. Following graduation she was on the staff of the City Isolation Hospital in St. Louis and also on the staff of the County Hospital of San Bernardino.

Miss **Dorothy A. Bill** was the young lady whose name was lost in the typesetter's "double talk" in this column two weeks ago. She has now fully recovered from the illness which brought her name to the public eye which the typesetter closed.

Another of our nurses who has recovered from recent illness is Miss **Helen J. Cushing.**

A former member of the Letterman staff—Miss **Josephine Nesbit**—now a Chief Nurse on Corregidor had her name and photo in a recent issue of LIFE—the news picture magazine. We are all proud of Miss Nesbit's heroic performance of duty during the Bataan campaign.

How the Army Nurse Corps responded to the call to battle on Oahu on December 7th is related in an article in "R. N." written by 2nd Lieut. **Monica E. Conter,** A.N.C. Get the May issue of that interesting little paper published for nurses and read her story.

Miss **Ann B. Bakalar** has no fear of the traditional jinx attached to being a frequent bridesmaid. Twice in the past three weeks she has lent her moral support to the contracting parties at a wedding.

Get your War Bonds and join the procession of those who are saving with Uncle Sam.

Comes word from Minter Field that Miss **Dorothy N. Zeller,** Chief Nurse at the station hospital of that command, has been slowed down to a walk by an injury to her knee. Hope she will soon be able to get back to high gear as it is too much of a strain on our imagination to picture her hobbling along.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 3, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert S. Holt, a son, Robert Willian, weight seven pounds, one ounce, born April 21, 1942.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles E. Hall, a daughter, Kirsten Maurine, weight eight pounds, seven ounces, born April 21, 1942.

To Captain and Mrs. Vernon Graves, a son, David George, weight seven pounds, one ounce, born April 22, 1942.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John Zukowski, a daughter, Sandra Dorothy, weight seven pounds, eight ounces, born April 24, 1942.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. LaVerne Everett Baldwin, a son, Stanley Peter, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces, born April 26, 1942.

To Major and Mrs. Allan Manfred Reinhart, a daughter, Patricia Marie, weight seven pounds, five ounces, born April 27, 1942.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE ERISMANN
Private Medical Department

"When I entered the Army I thought this classification business was just a lot of talk," says Buck of the Week George Erismann, recent addition to the message center personnel, but I found out that it is 100 per cent true—at least in my case."

Pvt. Erismann entered the army on January 19, 1942, at Portland, Oregon, and was immediately sent to Ft. Lewis in Washington. "When they classified us there, I asked for inside work in a small office, or work in connection with my former occupation of servicing and operating mimeograph machines," he says, "and then at Camp Grant when I was again classified, I asked if I could be sent to Letterman Hospital —and here I am with everything I asked for, even to running a mimeograph machine."

Pvt. Erismann was born in Portland in 1917, attended public schools of that city and went on to Albany College, but had to quit after his first year. "Y' gotta eat to live, and you need money to eat," he declares simply, "so I went to work." George was connected with a firm engaged in servicing and selling mimeograph machines for five years prior to his enlistment.

Our Buck arrived here on April 4 from Camp Grant, Illinois, and thinks very highly of the training program there, but didn't particularly enjoy the country of the middle west. "Once a coast resident, always a coast enthusiast," he thinks.

While in high school he participated in swimming and basketball and still carries on his sports activity at the post YMCA in addition to billiards and reading, his other spare time activities.

"My ambition in the army? Well, I haven't been in long enough to really decide, so for the present I'm doing my job just as well as I possibly can, 'keeping my nose clean,' and following every order I get—then when I do decide on a goal, I'll have a much better chance of reaching it." And we think that is goal enough in itself, just following orders to the letter. Advancement will come fast enough for George—he can't lose.

THE LEGEND OF CORREGIDOR

A thousand years ago, in the days of the Spanish, a monk attached to one of the monasteries in Manila fell in love with a beautiful nun and eloped with her to the jungles of Mariveles. When their absence became known there was great consternation in both civil and religious circles of the community. The governor of the province offered a huge reward for information concerning the whereabouts of the fugitives, and proclamations to that effect were scattered throughout the Spanish domain.

In the course of time a Negrito chieftain made his way to Manila and disclosed the hiding place of the lovers. The Governor immediately set forth with a big force and soon succeeded in apprehending the pair. On the return to Manila the culprits were at once led before the archbishop for disciplinary action. That dignity was very much wrought up over the conduct of his erring children, and lost no time in meting out what he thought to be appropriate punishment. He charged them with being a grave source of scandal to the community, and since they had chosen the region of Mariveles for their hiding place, he would put them there again for the rest of time. He thereupon changed the monk into a stony projection from the waters of Manila Bay that henceforth was known as "El Fraile," and the nun was likewise turned into an island, placed nearby, and became known as "La Monja."

Not long after that sentence was executed, the Lord appeared one night to the archbishop in his sleep and demanded an explanation for such severity. Said he to the archbishop, "You have presumed to act in a manner which usurps my prerogatives, for vengeance is mine alone. You have deprived these poor unfortunates forever of any opportunity to expiate their offense, and you, too, have given grave scandal by placing them out there without a chaperon of any kind. Since you have taken upon yourself to be their corrector, I shall give that role to you permanently. You shall have forty-eight hours in which to set in order your earthly affairs, and then you will take your place with the victims of your injustice."

The archbishop was very much disturbed by what the Lord had said and in his terror appealed to the Governor for protection. A guard was thrown about the palace and armed soldiers patrolled the corridor beyond the sleeping room of the prelate. Two mornings later the bed chamber of the archbishop was found vacant and His Grace had disappeared. There followed a diligent search of the palace, the city and surrounding territory, but no trace of the missing prelate could be found.

When the Negrito chieftain returned to the city he had a story to tell of the sudden appearance of a new and larger island just beyond the shores of Mariveles. The governor and his staff made a hurried visit to the designated spot to find that the Lord had indeed carried out his announced intention, and that the Corrector ("Corregidor" in the Spanish tongue) had assumed his eternal vigil over "El Fraile" and "La Monja." Henceforth there would be no scandal due to the presence of the unmarried twain so far from human habitation.

The island of "El Fraile" is now Fort Drum—the Concrete Battleship —and is part of the Harbor Defenses of Manila Bay. In its original form it presented the profile of a friar wearing a low crowned hat; hence the name. "La Monja" is north of Corregidor. It is too small for habitation and serves only as an emplacement for a fixed light as an aid to navigation.

The writer is indebted to the late Colonel Frank S. Long, U. S. Army, for the above version of the "Legend of Corregidor," which the Colonel maintained is the original fable handed down from generation to generation among the natives.

INTERESTING FACTS

Industrial research has developed three new lead-base alloys that can be used in place of tin, thus saving about 20,000 tons of that now precious metal every year.

An electric signal hook-up has recently been perfected which warns the pilot when an airplane is flying through an atmosphere where ice may form on the wings.

ON THE SPOT



MICHAEL JOSEPH FARRELL

You might guess, but we prefer to tell you, that Michael Joseph Farrell was born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to America in 1913.

He enlisted in the Army in May, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio, and shortly afterward went to France with the 5th Field Artillery. He was gassed in action and invalided home in 1919 for discharge from the service.

Mike, as he is known to everybody far and wide, spent the next five years trying to regain his health through treatment at the veterans' hospitals in several communities. In due time, in keeping with the best of Irish traditions, he became a policeman in Dayton, Ohio, and in a very short time was promoted to Captain. But failing health didn't permit him to continue pounding the pavements.

In February, 1924, Mike came back to the Army, with station at Fort Scott, where for the past 18 years he has served in various capacities. Old timers will remember him as the driver of the first bus running between Fort Scott and the Presidio car station. It was an ancient vehicle built very much on the lines of a pie wagon or a police patrol, and on every curve of that winding road there was imminent danger of its turning over. Only Mike and the Lord know how that vehicle managed to keep right side up. But we suspect Mike had a lot to do with it.

The expansion of the Army brought rapid promotion in its wake, and Mike became a Corporal in 1939, a Sergeant in January of 1941, and a First Sergeant in June of the same year. In the administration of his office as "top kick" at Headquarters Battery of the 56th Coast Artillery, Mike lived up to the reputation of all his Celtic predecessors who have held the grade of First Sergeant in the United States Army.

For the time being Mike is under treatment here at Letterman.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men:

Appointed Sergeants: William H. Schlichter, Joseph E. Meyer, Rinaldo Roberti.

Appointed Sergeant Technicians: Clyde S. Lester, Carlton Fillauer, Carl L. Meyers, Joseph M. Thibodeaux.

Appointed Corporals: Timothy I. Bradley, Gleason C. Louderbach, Malcolm Foster, Paul F. Mottier.

Appointed Corporal Technicians: William F. DeMello, Aldo G. Giannini, David C. Tanner, Jr.

Appointed Private First Class: Adolph Gaydos, Stanley S. Boyd, Roy F. Cook, Zeryl Dryden, Hymen G. Eshow, Michael Galay, Walter J. Howell, John Y. James, Kyle O. Smith, Charles W. Wickoff.

The golf tournament, which many said would be a dismal failure, has become very much a success. First Sergeant John B. Barr announced that all but three matches of the first round have been played, and even rain during the play of some of the matches failed to douse the enthusiasm of the players. All first round matches will be completed by Monday, May 4.

It has been reported that our "erstwhile reporter" Sergeant Roscoe J. Willey has been contemplating an immediate transfer to faraway places. Several very tough hombres, namely, Sergeant Oscar R. Madsen, Corporal Patrick Wilds, Corporal James J. Crowe, and Private First Class Ralph Madsen, have been reported on his trail for some past comments made in this column.

INTERESTING TO SEE

Sergeant Merle C. "Windy" West gunning for a berth in the National Softball Tournament back at Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Bell looking for stock in an oil company so he can supply the needs of his new (?) car.

Sergeant Ralph Gustafson christening Sergeant Bell's automobile "Consumer No. 1—Blue Goose."

First Sergeant John J. Barr and Sergeant Alfred A. Baer debating who will uphold the Detachment Office honors in the golf tournament. They play one another in the second round.

PLANE PRIORITIES AND PARACHUTES NOT NECESSARY—ONLY HELPFUL

"If you have seen a recent copy of 'The New Yorker' or 'Esquire' in which the commercial air lines took space to assure the readers in bright red letters YOU DO NOT NEED PRIORITY TO FLY, be warned by my lot, which I know you will not, and learn about flying from me."

Captain Paul Ducrot, occasional contributor to these columns, was the speaker, and he went on to tell of his efforts to secure a seat on a commercial plane from Washington to San Francisco in the recent past.

"I dropped into the air line ticket office on South Broad Street in Philadelphia, and asked for a reservation out of Washington forty-eight hours hence. The young lady at the counter was very easy on the eyes, and just exuded personality. She must have been a graduate stewardess—she had everything the flying nurses have.

"Yes, sir, I think it can be arranged. Have you a 'priority?' "

"No, I do not," I admitted.

"Well, it would be a lot easier if you had. However, I will try to 'clear' you through to the coast. Immediately on your arrival in Washington check with the agent there and he should have some news for you."

The next day at Washington I followed instructions. The ticket clerk asked first of all "Have you a priority number?"

"No, I do not," I replied sorrowfully.

"Hm-m-m-, well, perhaps we can fix you up. Suppose you call up this evening, and I will let you know your chances. Flight 15 out of Washington for Cleveland connects with Flight 3 for the coast. Flight 15 leaves here at 5:00 p. m.

That evening I called up the ticket office, stated my business, and another clerk asked, "You have a priority number? No? Well, that sort of complicates things. I suggest that you take the 4:35 out of Washington as it is not so crowded as a rule. Call us up in the morning."

On Sunday morning I put in a call as suggested. This time a dulcet voice inquired "Do you have priority?" and being answered in the negative, she purred "That's too bad, but maybe we can accommodate you. Suppose you come out to the airport at four o'clock and be ready to leave.'

At four o'clock I was at the airport, bag and baggage, and again the ritual was observed. "Do you have priority?" We got over that without violence. I said I wanted space on Flight 3 out of Cleveland or Chicago to San Francisco. The clerk smiled, gave evidence of deep thought, and came up with "Maybe you would have a better chance on Flight 15 leaving here at 5:00."

I said wistfully, "What about the 4:35?"

"Oh, that's full, but there may be a 'No Show' and you could have that. Stick around. "

Just then a man from another company stopped to chat, heard my plaint, and suggested I try some of the other desks. Three minutes later I was running for a plane. A "No Show" had popped up.

In Chicago at the airport Flight 3 was posted to leave at 9:30 p. m., and the young man under the sign was very busy checking his passenger list. I asked him about space on that flight. He started to ask, "Have you priority," but I got "No" in before he finished. With pursed lips he looked at me in deep sympathy, walked down the counter, talked with another clerk, came back, and sent me to window No. 6.

A bright young man presided over the wicket at 6, and his opening query was traditional: "Do you have priority?" I countered with "Do I have to have priority?" It turned out that it was not necessary but nice to have. Time was fleeting and planes were leaving. The B.Y.M. came out with "Voila!! There is a seat on 7-B to Omaha if you want that.' I did.

Dozing on 7-B towards one in the morning, I was awakened at Omaha and informed that all planes were grounded on account of bad weather farther west. Four silver ships of the air were lined up ahead of ours. Again a smiling young man was cheerful in the announcement that perhaps I could get as far as Cheyenne in the morning on 7-B.

Well, that was on the way, and the offer was accepted. An hour later the stewardess broke the news that our ship would go to Denver instead of to Cheyenne. In time we came down at Denver, and there again I heard the old refrain, "Have you a priority number?" By then I thought that every employe of every air line in the country was aware of my destitute state in that respect.

"Sorry, Sir, but you will have to wait for a cancellation or a 'No Show.' "

Fortune smiled, and there was a cancellation which permitted me to move on to Salt Lake, and beyond, "subject to load."

At Salt Lake came the glad tidings: "Are you the officer who wanted space on Flight 3 to San Francisco? We have it for you, Sir."

I had my way at last. It was from Flight 3 that I landed at San Francisco, but again I say: if you want to fly, get yourself a priority. As for myself, I'm still reading the ads, but I favor the one that reads "NEXT TIME TRY THE TRAIN."

WHO DUN IT?

Did you ever write a paper? Have to grope about for news? Have several subjects handy and you don't know which to choose? One about a little lady where you might write something nice, or make a stronger paragraph and add a little spice, but you can't tell how she'll take it, so decide to let it slide in favor of a wisecrack about a groom and bride.

For it's always open season on the couples newlywed who act as though the honeymoon would last for years ahead, but we like to pick on bachelor girls, the kind with roving eyes—one must not call them spinsters, since a spinster's not so wise—and they say there is a difference though we've never made it out, which makes it all a puzzle; just what's it all about.

When we were young we thought it was our duty to pursue a maiden fair to take to wife—a woman good and true. But looking backward through the years we see it at a glance that we ourselves were hunted men and never had a chance. Fond maters laid the snare and well, remember, we were young. We nibbled just a little bit and then the trap was sprung.

And now we hold with Kipling—fun at bachelor girls we poke—for a woman is a woman while a good cigar's a smoke.

Orange and grapefruit peelings may soon become the source of valuable war-industry solvents. A method of extracting such "juice" from these waste products has just been developed.

WAR FINANCES

The United States Treasury Department has announced that its drive for war bond purchases with at least ten percent of the total national income was begun yesterday. The drive will have quota of six hundred million dollars for May, eight hundred million for June, and one billion dollars for July.

The drive will be conducted through state and county campaigns, the payroll savings plan and volunteer minute men. Bureau of the Budget Director Smith announced increases of proposed war expenditures for fiscal year 1943 from fifty-six million dollars to seventy billion dollars. He estimated war expenditures would reach a rate of five billion dollars a month by September.

New goggles provided with shatterproof lenses that shut out injurious ultra-violet and infra-red rays have been developed for the use of American ski and mountain troops. The goggles are shielded in such a way that no snow can get inside during a storm, yet air is allowed to enter to prevent fogging.

WAR SAVINGS BONDS

War Bonds are the best "Buy" in the United States. The man or woman who owns one saves his money, earns interest, defeats possible inflation, supports his country, and helps the cause of freedom—his own and his country's.

The Bonds cannot be sold under face value, they cannot be stolen. They can be kept in the Treasury Department at Washington at no expense to you. They are the safest buy in the United States today, and they can be bought at monthly rates as low as $1.25 per month on the same basis as Army Allotments.

Letterman is attempting to do a 100 per cent job, which means that every civilian, every soldier, every nurse and every officer is expected to be responsive to his country's needs.

NOT GIFTS, BUT INVESTMENT LOANS.

Chaplain H. A. Shuder, Letterman War Bond Officer, may be reached through the Chaplain's Office, Telephone 2092, or the Detachment Office, Telephone 2673.



MRS. HELEN B. MYSELS
Former Medical Social Service Worker at Letterman General Hospital who made the first contribution to the Army Emergency Relief established last week for the patients and personnel of this hospital.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MAY 2nd and 3rd:

BEDTIME STORY—Fredric March and Loretta Young. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 5th and 6th:

CONFIRM OR DENY—Don Ameche and Joan Bennett. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 7th and 8th:

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY —Walter Pidgeon and Maureen O'Hara. Also Short Subjects.

More than 200,000,000 board feet of insulating materials will be needed this year for the 'cold-storage plants of military cantonments, packing plants, creameries, ice-cream plants and commercial refrigerators.

A way to make new flannel-like fabric by "welding" together fibers rather than by weaving them has just been patented. The "'weld"-produced cloth is said to be strong, soft and flexible and to stand rough wear.

How USO's Dollar Served Last Year

Military Clubhouses and Units in the U.S.A.	53.4
Overseas Clubhouses and Units	3.9
Urban Leave-area Services	6.2
Six Emergency Services	17.0
War Industry-worker Units in the U.S.A.	5.6
Program Direction through the Six Member Agencies	4.5
Cooperation with Federal Public Health and Welfare Programs	0.4
National Campaign Aid to 5,200 Communities	4.2
USO National Administration	2.4
Emergency Service	2.4
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LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A cheerful old mammy named Hannah,
Who'd lived eighty years in Savannah
Said—"Sho'nuff, I'll buy Defense Bonds, 'cause I
Am in love with the Star Spangled Bannah!"



Help buy the planes and tanks needed to smash the Axis! Save with U. S Bonds and Stamps every pay day.

The Game of Life

Life is a game of chance they say
Where the deal isn't always fair.
Things look glum at the start of the play
When you can't even pick up a pair.

It's hard to grin as your roll grows thin,
And you ante your last white chip.
But it's one sure bet that you'll never win,
If your nerve commences to slip.

For a confident smile is worth a pile;
There is nothing succeeds like pluck.
Things even up every once in a while—
That's the mathematics of luck.

And this is the way Life's game is won.
You can prove it by watching your pards.
It isn't so much your hand, my son,
It's the way you play your cards.

—James J. Flanagan

ARMY EMERGENCY

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the Army Emergency Relief will be offered. Contributions of $100 or more warrant Life Memberships, and all other amounts Memberships at Large. Sources of funds for the Army Relief are as follows: First, the American Red Cross, which will provide a sum for the initial operation, and from which initial funds will be made to Commanding Generals, Army Air Forces, Corps Areas and Departments. Second, the Army Relief Society will assist in raising funds, though collections for the Army Relief Society from Army personnel will be suspended during the present emergency. Third, Memberships in Army Emergency Relief of military personnel and their families, civilian individuals, and organizations. Fourth, exhibitions as authorized by War Department regulations will be conducted, proceeds to be turned over to the Army Emergency Relief. Fifth, all gifts and donations will be accepted.

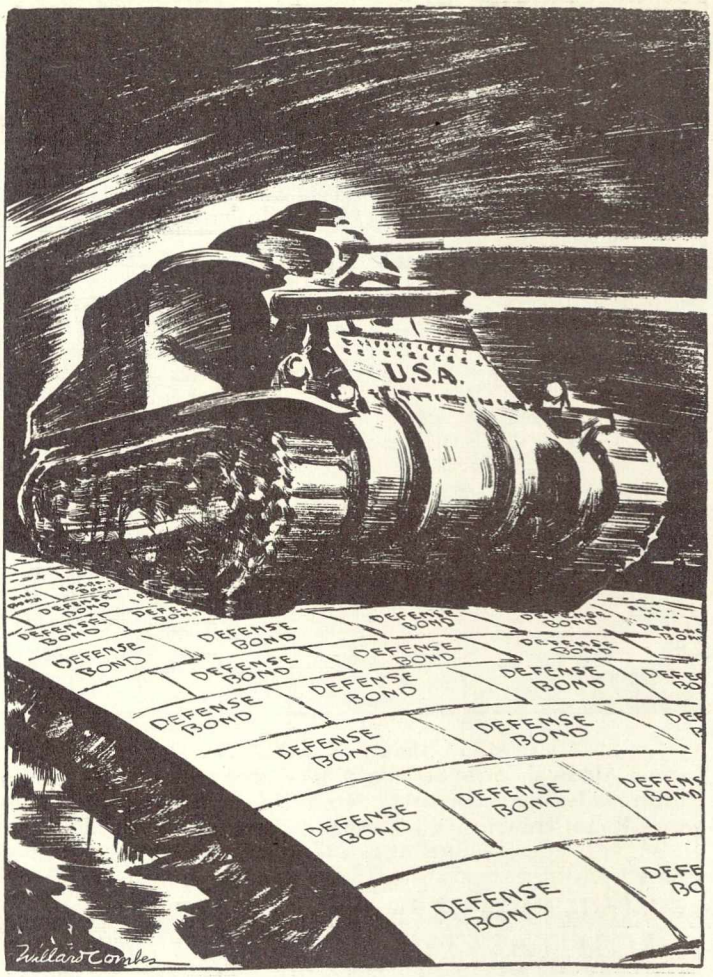
All military personnel should not only acquaint himself thoroughly with the purpose and activities of the A. E. R., but also make its purpose known to dependent members of his family. Application should be made to the nearest Army Emergency Relief post or station.

Primary cases concerned are those arising from casualties caused by combat or accident, hardships caused by sudden change of station of units or individuals, and other emergency financial distress which arises from causes incident to military service which fall within the scope of Army Emergency Relief aid and for which Red Cross facilities are not available for the type of aid needed. Financial aid will be given by Army Emergency Relief on the basis of actual need. Rank of service will not influence the amount of aid granted to Army personnel or to their dependents.

If possible relief will take the form of a loan though in some cases it will be an outright grant. Aid in some cases will take the form of relief in kind rather than grants, loans or money. Food, fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization, assistance in securing pensions, compensation insurance, and allotments are examples of aid in kind.

An annual drive for Membership will be conducted throughout the Army, and definite dates for these drives will be set by the Army Emergency Relief, Washington, D. C.

PAVE THE WAY



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS SCHOOL

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din, Montana, before he had completed that stage of his education, and one year of college found him attending Central Missouri State at Warrensburg, Missouri.

Sergeant Sixberry was appointed Sergeant on May 10, and Staff Sergeant on April 1, 1941. His work has been confined chiefly to the Professional Service School as Headquarters Clerk, and as such he has had excellent opportunities to familiarize himself with work of the Medical Administrative Corps.

Sergeant Sixberry has three hobbies which he finds impossible to pursue at the present—fishing, hunting, and flying. However, there will be plenty of time for them when "world conditions are normal again."

Sergeant Barton was inducted into the Army at Sacramento, California, in February, 1941, and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, in the Infantry until his transfer to Letterman Hospital in November of the same year.

Born in a town in Texas which, according to "Bart," has long since blown right off the map, he moved to Idaho where he has spent the greater part of his life helping his father and brothers with a cattle ranch just outside the town of Filer, Idaho.

His schooling took him through Boise Junior College, and one and a half years schooling at Fresno State College before he went to work with J. C. Penney Company at Modesto, California, just before his induction.

Sergeant Barton has spent his entire time at Letterman in the Detachment Office, and his aptitude for the work in that office won for him the promotion of Sergeant in March, 1942.

With a wife and home in Modesto, California, Sergeant Barton has spent his "free" time with his wife or traveling between San Francisco and Modesto.

USO Service 'Of the People'

By Lieutenant Gen. Brehon B. Somervell

WASHINGTON, April — USO is the people's service to their fighting men and it should be thought of in just that way. It gives the nation a chance to bring the friendly, human touch of the "home away from home" to those who have left their families to defend our democracy.

As Major General in the Quartermaster Corps, I gained a first-hand knowledge of USO last year because I supervised the construction of all its clubhouses built by the War Department.

Since January 1, USO has added 147 Government-built clubs to its service for the troops and thus increased its total to 603 operations here and overseas. Actual USO club centers number 413, of which 173 are quartered in Government-built houses. There are 190 small service units.

All Areas Served

Employing 1,218 local workers and regional staff members the operations are centered in 286 communities of 43 states and in bases extending from Alaska, Hawaii, the Canal Zone and the Caribbean stations, to Bermuda.

By sharing in USO's card parties, dances, study classes and other club activities the community becomes an integral part of the organization. Thus USO merges mufti and khaki to form a solid national front for victory.

But, more than anything else, USO has set for the world an inspiring example of democratic interfaith cooperation. It comprises six established agencies whose collective membership includes Catholics, Jews and Protestants. These agencies are the Young Men's Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Womens Christian Associations, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association.

Finds Promise Fulfilled

From close personal association I know that USO justifies the trust America has placed in it.

THE FOG HORN

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Air Raid Alarm Activates All Letterman Staff

The last note of "Taps," as sounded by our mechanical bugler, had barely died away on Saturday evening last when the blare of sirens announced the eighth air raid alarm of the current war period.

Major John D. Foley, the adjutant on emergency duty, had just kicked off his slippers and stretched out on the bunk at the side of his desk before switching off the light. It had been a quiet Saturday evening and he hoped for an equally quiet night.

Colonel A. B. McKie, in the quiet of his quarters, had put away his stamp album, and retired for the night. In his capacity as Executive Officer for the command he does not stand an Emergency Watch, as he is on duty or call all the time. Everything pointed to a night at home for him. And then the sirens—

The well laid plans for such a contingency went into effect immediately. Officers and men took their assigned station. The patients had all been bedded down for the night and remained in place. The subdued red glow from flashlights in the hands of the sentries could be seen here and there, and resembled fireflies at a distance.

Steel helmets and gas masks became part of the uniform for all duty personnel during the alarm. Recent instructions have enabled all to don the masks in the dark, and many took advantage of the occasion to perfect their technique in these operations.

The "black-out" was in force for forty-four minutes and the situation at Letterman was under control at all times.

A Tribute to Your Mother

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother of Mine

Some times in the hush of the evening hours
When shadows creep from the west,
I think of the twilight songs you sang
And the boy you lull'd to rest,
The wee little boy with the tousl'd hair
That long long ago was thine
I wonder if sometimes you think of that boy,
O little Mother of Mine.

And now he has come to man's estate
Grown stalwart and sturdy and strong,
You'd hardly know that he was the lad
You lull'd with your slumber song.
The years have altered the form and the life,
But the heart is unchanged by time
And still he is only your boy of old,
O little Mother of Mine,
O little Mother of Mine.

—Walter H. Brown

All Surviving LGH Commanders Live In San Francisco

The use of the word "unusual" is not at all unusual in California, but this time we believe there is justification for that title in the story of the surviving Commanding Officers of Letterman General Hospital.

In the 43 years since its establishment as a general hospital, Letterman has been commanded by 14 officers who served tours of varying length in that capacity. Seven of the number have answered the Last Summons, and the six surviving at this time all make their homes in San Francisco.

It is unusual to have all the former commanding officers of a post living in the immediate vicinity of that post, and it is not probable that the situation existing here could be duplicated either at the present time or as a matter of history in connection with any other organization.

The dean of the former C.O.'s is Colonel William P. Kendall, who as a Major was the commanding officer here from 1901 to 1904. Next in line is Col. Euclid B. Frick, who wore the silver leaves of a Lieutenant Colonel during his incumbency in 1913 and 1914. Lieutenant Colonel Leo C. Mull—then a Major—was the commanding officer in 1918. Brigadier General Albert E. Truby—then a Colonel—directed the institution from 1922 to 1924. Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt—as a Colonel—was the commanding officer from 1927 until 1931 on his first tour of command here. He was succeeded by Brigadier General M. A. W. Shockley for the period 1931 to 1935.

As evidence of their lasting interest in the hospital and its personnel all the former commanders drop in

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ARMY COMMISSION WITHIN REACH OF EVERY SOLDIER

Everyone has heard the story that each of Napoleon's soldiers carried a Marshal's baton in his haversack, since Napoleon started out as Corporal, why couldn't they themselves —common soldiers—rise through the ranks, and some day use that baton as indication of their rank? And though Napoleon's men realized it was possible to better themselves in rank, the soldiers of our army today have much more opportunity and encouragement to become commissioned officers than was given in Napoleon's time.

Today, everyone of better than average intelligence has an equal opportunity for a commission—younger less experienced men may apply for Officers' Training School, and more experienced non-commissioned officers may apply for a commission on the strength of their knowledge and experience in army routine and military procedure. No one is denied the opportunity of trying for higher rank, with the unlimited chance for advancement that follows. a

Examples of promotion from non-commissioned grades into the commissioned brackets are now evidenced in all branches of the service, and Letterman is no exception. Captain Lemuel R. Williams, MAC, Detachment Commander, who was promoted from Master Sergeant to the rank of Captain is an outstanding example, and there are many others who elevated themselves from an enlisted grade to the rank of Captain is an outstanding example, and there are many others who elevated themselves from an enlisted grade to the commissioned ranks recently. Men from this post who were formerly non-coms, but now successful officers are: Captain Lemuel R. Williams; William L. Beswick who was raised from Master Sgt. to Captain, Worth P. Farley, former Technical Sgt. but now a First Lieutenant; Second Lieutenant Raymond O. Carlin, once Technical Sgt. here; Frank S. Ross and Lyle B. Weatherford went from Staff Sgts. to Second Lieutenants; former Master Sgt. Charles L. Chambers of the quartermaster detachment is now First Lieutenant, QMC.

And just as many men of less experience succeeded into commissions from the detachment through a different route from that taken by the older, more experienced non-coms who won their appointments directly out of the ranks. The route of these men is Officer Training School. These men have either graduated from the School, or are in training now, and will receive their commissions on completion of the ninety day course: Ralph J. Comstock, Sam A. Edwards, Jack K. Davis, Ralph L. Rovner, William E. Gross, Irwin F. Halteman, Vachel E. Barton, Harry A. Ferguson, Joseph S. Murray, John Terrill ,John T. Young, LeRoy R. Sixberry, Allen E. Greendale and Roland L. Hoover.



SITTING TO SELECT candidates for the Officer Candidate Schools throughout the country. Left to right: Cpl. Patrick Wilds, appearing before the board; Capt. Frank R. Day, MAC, Recorder; Major Richard E. Humes, MAC; Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin, M.C., President of the Board; and Major Donald E. Casad.

The procedure used in selecting the candidates from the ranks for attendance at an Officers Candidate School is uniform throughout every branch of service, so that the men entering training schools will be from the same high plane, and everyone begins with the same recommendation and on equal footing with his classmates from every part of the country—at school everyone is given the same opportunity regardless of former grade or status.

To begin with, the man who desires to become candidate for a commission, and is not eligible either through the reserves or by appointment, makes his desire known to the unit commander through an application stating his preference of service, age, background, etc. This application is then studied by the man's commanding officer, who judges as closely as possible the applicant's fitness and aptitude for holding a commissioned rank—many factors enter here, and the commander must deliberate in weighing each of the required qualifications of the aspirant . . . "is he intelligent . . . . does he have qualities of leadership . . . a sense of humor . . . has he had sufficient military experience . . . can he decide problems for himself . .?" All these questions and many more the commanding officer must answer before he can favorably or unfavorably recommend the applicant to the examining board.

The application is then filed until the Examining Board for Officer Candidates meets to interview and discuss the applicant's qualifications. This meeting is the final hurdle for the candidate after he has been favorably recommended by his commander. The applicant is then called into the room, introduced to the officers and asked to be seated. He is just a little nervous at first, and his hands feel moist and clammy, but the friendly and encouraging officers put him at ease in a few moments and the interview is on. . . . "What do you do in your spare time?" . . . "Have you any hobbies?" . . . they politely ask in addition to many other questions pertinent to the subject's character and intelligence, and all the while quietly observing the man closely to get an

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ARMY COMMISSION

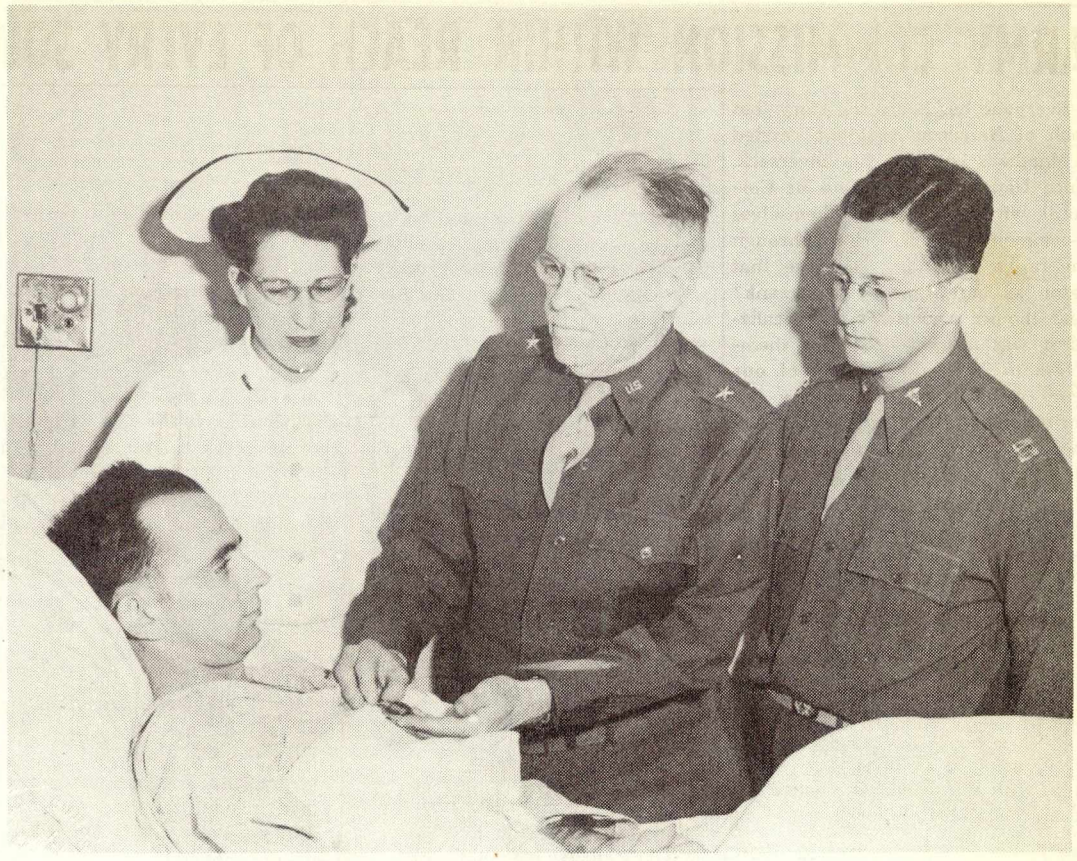
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idea of his bearing and way of expressing himself, noting his appearance and looking for the qualitieis that indicate a good leader.

Letterman has been very fortunate in having a fair, thorough, broadminded group of examining officers. They are altogether free of bias or personal feeling—to them, every man comes in under the same conditions. It is the impression the man makes while talking with the board that counts, and each member of the board is capable of choosing the men best qualified. They are good officers themselves, and know just what the job requires. That is the reason they are given the responsibility of choosing leaders for the service—because their experience and records qualify them. Each applicant who leaves the board room knows that he has had a fair consideration, and knows that whether or not he is chosen, he has been treated fairly. The record of not having one candidate fail in his training school courses well indicates that they know just exactly the abilities and what kind of men they recommend. The board at present is composed of Lt. Col. Humphrey N. Ervin, MC, president of the board; Capt. Frank R. Day, MAC, recorder; Major Richard E. Humes, MAC and Major Donald E. Casad, MC.

Assume that John Smith is being examined for the candidate school. The board finds him intelligent, capable of leadership, he has a good perspective, he is broadminded, he has good appearance, and expresses himself very well . . . . there is nothing to keep him from being sent to an officers school, so the board recommends him, and a date is set for his physical examination, and all his recommendations are forwarded along with his application and physical report to the adjutant general's office for final approval. Then an opening in the school presents itself, and Smith is given his travel orders and relieved of his post duty. In no time Smith is on the road to school . . . . and to success and a commission. He saw an opportunity and he accepted it . . . . it's an opportunity every soldier in the army is offered.

A modern American interceptor plane can climb to an altitude of 35,000 feet in seven minutes.



THOMAS EDWARD BELLUE, Air Corps

Pvt. First Class receiving the Medal of the Order of the Purple Heart from Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt as Miss Alicia Curto, Ward Nurse, and Captain Donald B. Slocum, Ward Officer, look on. Pvt. Bellue is a native of Liberty, Miss.

Five Gets You Ten

Honesty IS the best policy. Take it from Private John Vetter, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Recently he received a letter addressed to John Vetter at the reception center at Fort Dix, New Jersey. In the envelope was a crisp new five-dollar bill. A glance at the letter, however, showed Vetter it certainly was not meant for him. So he returned the whole works, banknote and all, to the sender, a young lady in Evansville, Indiana. Impressed with his honesty, the girl told her friends at the office about it. They promptly started writing—30 girls—and in the first batch of mail he received cash gifts totaling $10.

An American engineer has just found ways to eliminate 750 different operations from the manufacture of a single ordnance unit, thus opening the way for war plants to produce the unit at a more rapid rate than formerly.

RED CROSS ADDS TO LOCAL STAFF

During the past two weeks the Social Service Staff of the American Red Cross attached to Letterman General Hospital has been augmented by the presence of two workers on a temporary assignment.

Miss Esther Boyd, native of Seattle, and a graduate of the University of Washington, is here for the second time on temporary duty with the staff. Miss Boyd is a graduate of Smith College School of Social Work, and prior to that had trained at the New York School of Social Work. She has also done research work in the field of economics and sociology, including editorial experience in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. In private life Miss Boyd is the wife of Dr. Walter Bromberg of Reno.

The second of our new members is Mrs. Ruth M. Cochran who is a native of Rochester, New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Washington, and later attended the University of Chicago for graduate medical social work. Mrs. Cochran is a woman of wide experience, with seven years of medical social work in the State of Washington in both King County and Pierce County hospitals, and the Crippled Children's Program. For the past four years she has been working in Honolulu, first as medical social worker, and later as Director of the Social Service Department at Leahi Home.

She returned to the Mainland two months ago, and went to Washington, D. C., for a brief training course at the American Red Cross National Headquarters. Mrs. Cochran has been on the Red Cross Staff at Letterman since April 22.

In a modern army a motorized division of ground forces alone will use as much as 75,000 gallons of gasoline in 24 hours.

A steel company takes space on enclosures that go with dividend checks to suggest that stockholders invest their dividends in War Bonds.

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

For several years past the Secretary of War has issued an appeal to the men of the Army to participate in the annual commemoration of Mother's Day by writing to their mothers on the second Sunday in May.

This year the same appeal is being made and in view of the great expansion of the armed forces it is hoped there will be a greater response on the part of the men in service.

For the first time in their lives thousands of young men are away from home and find themselves scattered all the way from cantonments at home to forces in the field on foreign shores. No one doubts that wherever they are a mother's thought and prayer is with them at all times.

Mothers like to know they have a place in the thoughts of their sons afar and it will take but a few minutes to assure them by a letter on this day set apart in honor of all mothers. On many posts special stationery is provided for the occasion and the new free postage for the military forces reduces the problem down to the mere expenditure of effort and no additional expense.

Our Commanding General joins with the Secretary of War in urging every man among the patients and duty personnel to write a letter to mother on Sunday, May 10th—which is tomorrow.

It may be only a note to the writer but to mother it is an assurance she is not forgotten.

No man worthy of the name ever forgets his mother.

Remember her especially on Mother's Day.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Mr. **William R. Thomson,** the man who represents the San Francisco "Chronicle" at this hospital, making a ten dollar donation to the Army Emergency Relief.

Major **David Pohlmann** showing the picture of the latest edition in his family to all the sundry along the corridor and in the Staff Room.

That girl in the blue smock who looks like Katherine Hepburn. At least she does from where we sit.

Captain **Lewis Parody,** the local "Sugar Daddy," hard at work with his staff on the distribution of the War Ration Books.

A pair of shining silver bars on the shoulder loop of the now Captain **Robley N. Ellis**—and congratulations to him on the step up.

A coat of tan on Miss **Frasher** that would be a good ad for Waikiki or the Matson Line.

So many patriotic citizens paying their respects to the War Bond Officer and leaving a signature on an allotment blank. It takes but a few minutes to sign up.

Much improvement in the quality of the "movies" now being shown in the Recreation Center.

And Abbott with Costello will be there on Saturday afternoon for the patients.

PERFECT STRANGER

A soldier at Camp Davis, North Carolina, was standing guard one dark night. Through the still night air he could hear someone approaching. "Halt! Who's there?" came his traditional challenge. Loud and clear he heard the answer: "You wouldn't know me. I just got here!"

Although the rate of savings by the American people this February was double that of February a year ago, this trend alone is not enough to check inflation, according to financial experts.

A N C



Miss Margaret Knierim, Principal Chief Nurse, spent a few days last week visiting at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She was accompanied by Miss Sabina Schmidt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Treuholtz has been absent on leave for five days during the past week to take a well earned rest. In her absence Miss Eileen Donnelly has been looking after the gastronomic needs of the working personnel.

We extend a word of greeting to the newest addition to the Army Nurse Reserve on duty at our hospital:

Miss Florian MacGregor is a native of Schenectady, New York, where she was graduated from Nott Terrace High School before entering Ellis Hospital for her professional training. Following graduation she was on the staff at Ellis Hospital and also at the Glenridge Sanatarium in Glenville, New York. She reported for active duty in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve in April, 1941, and served for 10 months at Pine Camp, New York. She reported for duty at Letterman General Hospital on May 1, 1942.

Miss Orah D. Stephenson, formerly of this hospital, and now Chief Nurse at Camp Stewart, Georgia, has taken advantage of her proximity to our chief rival state of Florida to spend a few days on leave, and probably making comparisons very detimental to the so called Orange State.

One of our most consistent benefactors is the firm of the McLellan Florists in San Francisco. Twice each week they have sent out five dozen gardenias to the office of the Principal Chief Nurse, who supervised the distribution of the flowers to the patients on the wards. Their interest and kindly thought is very much appreciated.

The average work week for employees in manufacturing industries in this country is now 41.5 hours. In Germany the work week averages at least 60 hours. In Japan the average is about 70 hours.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 10, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

The Plaint of M. K. C.

The Editor asks me every week
To please give him some news.
I scan the names and strive to seek
Some items he can use.
But 'tis so hard when people spend
Just half their time "on call";
They can't go far enough to send
A postal card, or call
Long Distance, saying "Trip is grand,
"Wish you had come along."
It would be bad if I should hand
Him news when it is wrong
To speak of secret things about
A moving train or ship.
Our foreign foe might find it out;
Could be a costly slip.
And now that I have racked my brain
This "pome" may help appease
That man next door. He's due again
With his insistant pleas.

Ye Ed in Riposte

Mary, you write very well,
And now we understand
Even tho you do not tell—
You rate that extra band.
Ye Editor must have his news;
To him it's food and drink.
What better items could he choose
Than A. N. C.? Just think
How keen our patients always are
To read about their nurses,
And their doings near and far;
Especially in verses.
You've broken down; you wrote a rhyme—
We could not do as well—
Whene'er you have some news, and time,
Dear Mary, won't you tell?

Using wooden tires on the front wheels of his automobile (in a recent test run), ome man attained a speed of 75 miles an hour on a concrete highway.

ON THE SPOT



ELMER K. KOONTZ
Private, Air Corps

Private First Class Elmer K. Koontz, patient in Ward B-1, feels that if something doesn't happen soon to get him back to his outfit at Hamilton Field, California, someone is REALLY going to be on a spot. Two hundred and twenty pounds of man, stretched over a six foot, one and a half inch frame, is just too much to be asked to keep in bed, and quoting Koontz, "They need me back there, and I think I'd better get out of here soon."

Pfc. Koontz was born in Nelson, Nebraska, 1915, but was raised in Edgar, Nebraska, graduating from the high school of that city. His major interest was in physical education, and he combined a love of competition and sportsmanship with a fine physique, natural grace, and excellent coaching to excel in football. His efforts won him an All-State berth as fullback during his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years.

After graduation, a traveling job took Koontz to the Northwest where he made his first acquaintance with the Army. And this acquaintance sold him on the idea of an Army career. On December 23, 1937, he became Private Koontz, 7th Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Private Koontz became Staff Sergeant during his first enlistment with the 7th Infanrty. Upon re-enlistment he transferred to the Air Corps, Hamilton Field, so it was once more "Private" Koontz.

Pfc. Koontz married Miss May Fick of California, and they have a two-year-old daughter, Laura Ann. At present Mrs. Koontz and Laura Ann are living in San Francisco until Koontz is returned to duty.

Athletics still play a big part in Koontz's life, and baseball, basketball, boxing and wrestling fill much of his "off duty" time. And from the lips of one of his Company associates we learn that Pfc. Koontz has made many boxing champions of various Army posts wonder if the crowns they wear are not in danger of being "lifted" by one Private First Class Elmer K. Koontz.

JABBERWOCKY

The Miller to the Baker roared:
"Our secrets all are Baird."
Just leave the Brogan on the Ward
Too Earley to be scared.

The Wiley Hart was Bohling down;
"Tis Dreyer here," she said;
The Gardner tossed the Boyd a frown—
"Let's Musser up instead."

A Walker can no longer ride
'Cause Nichols are so few;
It Frees Fromm Self and more beside
Too Lowe and Short—Ehue!

The Chase is long; the Dean is high;
Towery so to speak.
A Sanctuary's always nigh—
The Bill can be a beak.

The Smith said he could Rouse 'em up.
Too Cole for Shields to hurry.
The Wolf would like a Micca sup;
No Harmon board to worry.

'Tis Larsen-y to steal my Bunch
Of Hickey nice and Brown.
In French "on dit" I'll play a hunch
And Shimmick into town.

OUR EXCHANGES

We were recently honored by being placed on the Exchange list of "School Daze," a four-page mimeo paper published by the School for Medical Department Technicians at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver. A lot of effort goes into the making of the paper and it gives us the impression that the men of the school get a lot out of each issue.

We also received a copy of an eight-page mimeo paper published by the hospital proper. Everything about it is well done. Stories very attractively arranged and all for easy reading. We do not think much of the title adopted for the paper. A command like Fitzsimons General Hospital has always had a very excellent reputation in this man's army. The title of the hospital paper fails to suggest anything remotely connected with FHG.

Clothing and other materials can be made fireproof by treating them with a new product developed by the chemical industry.

Gallant Gull Is Glutton for Grubs

The old adage, "The Early Bird Gets the Worm," has now become a mis-statement of fact—you can see for yourself on the lawn outside the adjutant's office in the Administration Building every afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when the old gray seagull makes his regular visit. The "yard bird" who shatters the truth of the adage is known as "Admiral," and well deserves the title. Because of his courage and wisdom, Admiral has become undisputed ruler of all worm hunting territory adjacent to the building and well beyond.

His appearance so late in the day is no disadvantage in getting the finest worms, (as the old adage might imply) for this busy section is too distracting and noisy for other gulls of less confidence, whose hunting grounds are chosen in quieter territory. When other birds fly in fear, Admiral walks in confidence. Where soldiers are forbidden to walk, the Admiral proudly struts.

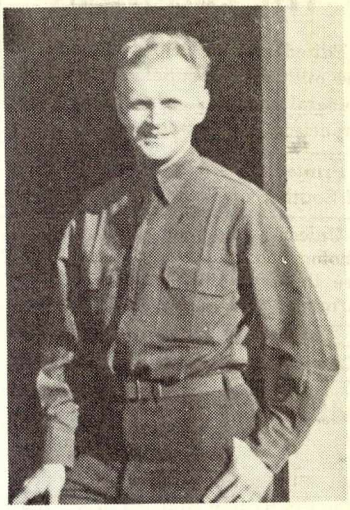
Colonels, majors, captains hold no fear for him, in fact, he seemingly considers it his duty to inspect one of our officers after he has finished his dinner and completed a tour of the grounds. Approaching the window ledge, Admiral peers into the room with the air of a visiting general and surveys the interior with a cold, critical glance, as though ready to scream if something were out of order.

This wise old bird is a model of coolness, poise and confidence—one of his practices is to follow the gardener while cultivating shrubs, and when a choice morsel of worm presents itself, slowly walks up and claims it, as though it were the gerdener's duty and privilege to provide the fattest worms. Admiral eyes MP's with a baleful stare and seems to say, "Okay, copper, go ahead and see if you can get ME off the lawn."

Never yet has gray old Admiral been frightened into flight—he comes and goes as he pleases, allows no one to approach closely, and if he can't walk away from hecklers, breaks into a fast trot that is effective in eluding pursuers, though not very graceful.

But if Admiral could talk, it probably wouldn't be about his feats in procuring the finest food available for gulls, but instead, an individual boast that he is the only "yard bird" on the post who doesn't have to take orders, and who is his own commanding officer!

BUCK OF THE WEEK



HAROLD M. JUNSO
Pvt. Medical Detach.

Born in Castlewood, South Dakota, 1912, Harold Monroe Junso has made his home on the West Coast in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, during the last 12 years. And from San Francisco, while employed by one of the local banking houses, Pvt. Junso was called to the colors in February of 1941 and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, as a Private in the Field Artillery. He applied for a transfer to the Medical Detachment after 11 months service in the Field Artillery and arrived at Letterman the latter part of January of this year.

Junso chose music as his life's work at a very early age, and has steadily developed an already fine musical talent as concert pianist. For the last 22 years his studies under many of the country's best instructors have taken him from his home town to Minneapolis, Minnesota, Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. As a financial means to an end, Pvt. Junso completed a business course after graduatng from high school, and pursued his "interest" to such an extent that achievement has been realized in the many concert tours he has completed—some having carried him to Chicago, Washington, D. C., and New York.

His particular favorites among the composers are Chopin, Debussy and Sibelius, and being of Finnish-Norwegian extraction himself, he favors the Scandinavian composers. Asked if he had composed at all, he stated that, "As far as I am concerned, there are composers and performers. I am a performer and very happy in being able to play."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men on their new promotions: Charles E. Vander Vort, who has been appointed a Staff Sergeant. Three men who are now wearing the Sergeant's stripes are Maurice A. Melford, Robert T. Willock, and James J. Crowe. Newly appointed Sergeant Technicians are Silas I. Craig, Christopher F. Gannon and Joseph Willer. Corporal appointees are Leonard P. Bell, Herbert T. Carter, Jr., Hyman G. Eskow and Robert J. Bernent, and Corporal Technicians are Paul B. Benkert and Wayne A. Crabtree. Last, but not the least, the following men have been appointed as Privates First Class: Freddie J. Brieno, Joseph R. Konieczny, Seth Kalashian, George L. Maxwell, Alexander A. Peck, Harold H. Blasdell, Wesley A. Eastridge, Clyde W. Nelson, Joseph R. Leiba, Howard F. Dover, Weir B. Phibbs, William S. Taylor, Jr., Benny F. Hapton, Henry W. Kramer, Thomas R. Panero, Clifford L. Turner, Fred A. Standiford, Jr., oJhnny Maitia, Edward F. Haverty, Kimmel R. Parsons, Charles B. Bearse, Torcom K. Bedayan, Gregory C. Brown, Thomas F. Howell, Julius Heintz, Verdean J. Herold, Frank Liskanitch, Melvin M. Matias, Woodrow H. Schenebech, John H. Wiensy.

Corporal Malcolm Foster wonders why a tin box is not hung in the wash room of each Barracks for used razor blades. Seems like a good idea!

The completed second round of the Golf Tournament leaves some interesting matches to be played this week. S/Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson and S/Sgt. Technician John A. Harrell will be paired, as will Sgt. Alfred A. Baer and Cpl./T Gordon Dahlgren and M/Sgt. Thomas Ward and Cpl. Patrick Ward.

Interesting to See: Cpl./T. Lorenzo Hawkins brandishing a "fistful" of bonds purchased many months ago.

Pvt. Kimmel R. Parsons' library in his wall locker. Oh, where do they go during inspection?

Pvt. James L. Gleeson's potentialities as a tennis player.

Cpl./T. Christopher F. Gannon going fishing for trout and getting a nice mess of them. And Sgt./T. James F. Blackburn and Pvt. Harold O. Perry going fishing for bass, and getting—one small shark.

Pvt. Harold Junso pleasing a large gathering at the Y.M.C.A. with his piano playing—really good.

Sgt./T. Leland P. Alderson awaiting May 12th anxiously—there will be wedding bells for "Lee" on that date.



MRS. JEAN E. RULEY
Director of Recreation for Patients of Letterman General Hospital under the American Red Cross supervision.

New Recreation Director Assumes Duties

The complex problem of providing recreation and entertainment to the patients of Letterman Hospital is now under the very competent supervision of Mrs. Jean E. Ruley, who has assumed the duties of Director of Recreation as part of her work with the American Red Cross. Mrs. Ruley is a native of Oklahoma, went to school at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, where she majored in Physical Education. She has been connected with the American Red Cross over a long period of time, having been an instructor in First Aid Life Saving at National Headquarters in Washington, and also under the direction of the Pacific Area Branch in San Francisco. More recently Mrs. Ruley was in charge of recreation of the Alexander House Community Association of Maui, in the Hawaiian Islands.

In her work here at Letterman Mrs. Ruley is assisted by Mrs. Grace Edwards and 30 Gray Ladies who help on the wards, in the recreation centers, and the solarium of the hospital.

Mrs. Ruley's great hobby is the taking of colored motion pictures. She is very proud of her 2,000 feet taken of the various views of the Hawaiian Islands. If you should receive a cordial invitation to visit her office, back of it, most likely, is the promise to let you view this very fine series of pictures.

In the photograph accompanying this story the expression on Mrs. Ruley's face may be explained by the fact that she was looking at a strange object—and it turned out to be a man!



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward J. Ilani, a daughter, Ann Dehne Ilani, born April 30, 1942, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Donald A. Condon, Quartermaster Corps, a daughter, Linda Maureen Condon, born May 3, 1942, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Wayne B. Garff, a son, Wayne Blair Garff, born May 3, 1942, weight seven pounds and ten ounces.

War Savings Bonds

EXHIBIT A—A patient here at Letterman came to the Chaplain's Office with a $200 check. Question: "I want to send $100 of this money home to Mother on Mother's Day. How can it best be done?" The question was answered, and then the Chaplain had a question: "What will you want to do with the other $100? Answer: "Sir, I want to buy War Bonds with the second $100." This was also done.

What a fine young man! Thoughtful and considerate. $100 for Mother on Mother's Day and a $100 bond for the future of himself—his estate and his country!

Compare this case with EXHIBIT B who spent all his money for????

BE WISE, ECONOMIZE!

The War Bonds Office is open from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m., West entrance, Detachment Office; and the Chaplain's Office, Administration Building, Second Floor, Telephone 2092, is also open at all hours. Officers and nurses are requested to call at hours 12:30 to 1:30 p. m., daily except Saturday and Sunday.

Pay the allotment way and save time and trouble. $1.25 per month is minimum, and $3.75 per month is better. $6.25 per month will buy a $25 bond in three months. $18.75 per month will make it possible for you to buy a $25 bond each month.

Thrift and saving never yet have caused a soldier to regret.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MAY 9th and 10th:
SUSPICION—Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 12th and 13th:
CAPTAIN OF THE CLOUDS—James Cagney and Brenda Marshall. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 14th and 15th:
STEEL AGAINST THE SKY—Lloyd Nolan and Alexis Smith. Also Short Subjects.

Possible, Not Very Probable

When a woman is determined to talk to a soldier on the long distance telephone, nothing can stop her. So discovered the phone operators at Fort Bliss, Texas, one recent night. Long distance from New York was calling a particular soldier. When word came from his company headquarters that the man was AWOL—which is Army lingo for "Absent Without Leave"—the young lady in New York said O. K. and hung up.

A minute later the Bliss switchboard got another call from the city. It was the sweet young thing calling back. She wanted to know if there was any way to reach him by phone at AWOL!

SPINDLE SHANKS

Under wartime regulations of the Army, enlisted men are required to salute officers whenever they meet, either on or off their post. The same holds for officers and their superiors. To the average recruit the different types of uniforms he sees during his first days in the Army become quite confusing. He develops what he hopes is a sure-fire method of recognizing officers at a distance. One soldier at Camp Polk, Louisiana, has a way of his own. Asked to explain when and whom he saluted, the soldier puffed out his chest, pointed to an officer wearing riding breeches and boots, and declared: "I salute all them guys that wear them funny pants!"

To speed war production only two types of bicycles—one for men, the other for women—will be manufactured from now on.

Sixty used toothpaste tubs contain enough tin to solder all the electrical connections in a medium-sized bomber.

FASHION NOTE FOR NURSES, 1942 MODEL



Uniform for field wear, light blue seersucker material, cut on lines similar to regulation white uniform. Insignia worn as shown. Tin Helmet for outdoors. In the photo is Second Lieut. Minnie B. Schell, ANC Reserve.

NEWS FROM ITALY

Nothing much comes out of Italy these days except jokes against the regime—and not many of those. But here's one:

An Italian soldier, wounded on the Libyan front, is treated in Africa, then invalided home, with instructions to obtain final dressings in the military hospital of Rome. At the hospital he finds two doors, one labeled "Army," the other "Navy." He takes the first door, comes to two others, marked respectively, "Southern Front" and "Northern Front." Again he takes the first door, finds two more, marked "Germans' and "Italians." He takes the door for Italians. The next two are marked: "Members of the Fascist Party" and "Non-members of the Party." He walks through the second door and finds himself in the street.

DON'T WORRY

You either get drafted or you don't:
If you don't, you needn't worry.
If you are drafted, you either go overseas or you don't:
If you don't, you needn't worry.
If you go overseas you either get in a battle or you don't:
If you don't, you needn't worry.
If you get in a battle, you get hit or you don't:
If you don't, you needn't worry.
If you get hit, it is either slight or severe:
If it is slight, you needn't worry.
If it is severe, you either get well or you don't:
If you do get well, you needn't worry.
If you don't get well, you can't worry:
So—why worry?

A street lamp that can light a longer stretch of roadway has resulted from defense priorities on metals. The great demand for aluminum forced industrial engineers to find a substitute metal for street light reflectors. They developed a silver-coated glass reflector inside a steel hood that was as good as the aluminum one in all respects—and in some ways better.

Research by several steel companies has resulted in the development of four new types of alloy steels, all of which require less than the amounts of virgin cromium and nickel ordinarily used. Most of the chromium and nickel that is used in this steel is obtained from scrap recovered from previously-made steel.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

During the early part of the week 120 students were added to the roster of the Special Service School. These men had received their basic training in Camp Grant, and on arrival here had met many old friends.

The school is ably represented on the Presidio golf course these days. Major George C. Shivers, Lieutenant Andre Suppo, Lieutenant Orville B. Nelson are working hard to correct slices and hooks. Staff Sergeant William L. Walker might even be seen out there, but he is merely keeping in top form.

The recent appointment of Sergeant Hilmer A. Fauske to be First Sergeant of the Schools has met with the approval of the students and the staff. He has been with us a long time and we feel that the performance of his duties in his new role will be on a par with the reputation he has made.

Congratulations are also being extended to Technician 4th Grade Jennings Lyon who was appointed Staff Sergeant, and Corporals Benjamin T. Shedoudy and Alfred Rozadilla, Jr., who were appointed Technicians 4th Grade.

Staff Sergeant William H. Sink, clerk at School Headquarters, went on detached service the early part of this week with Brigadier-General Wallace DeWitt, United States Army, to Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Stephens, who has been head of the Civilian Personnel Clerks and Secretary to Lt. Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, Assistant Commandant of the Schools, left here on May 1, 1942. Starting here over a year ago, Mrs. Stephens watched the Schools grow from a handful of men to the present enrollment of over 300.

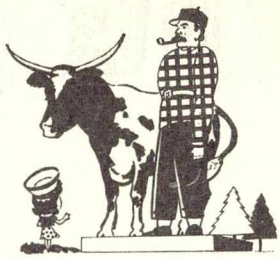
On her last day of duty co-workers at the School Headquarters gave her a surprise farewell party, presenting her with a DeLuxe Toastmaster as a tribute to her friendliness and efficiency, and serving refreshments to all present. Mrs. Laura Gagnon, a fellow worker, has succeeded Mrs. Stephens.

Three of our members who were selected for Officers' Training Schools, were bid farewell in the last 10 days: First Sergeant John T. Young left for Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Staff Sergeant LeRoy Sixberry went to Camp Barkley, Texas, and Technician 4th Grade Allen R. Greendale left for Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The familiar faces of these men will be missed very much by the rest of the Detachment, and we all wish them the best of luck.

"UNREAL REALITIES"
IN THIS AMAZING AMERICA

NORTH WOODS SUPERMAN →

By *Lake Bemidji* in *Minnesota* stand huge statues of Paul Bunyan, the mythical giant lumberjack, and Babe, his famous big blue ox. According to Paul's tall stories, the Ten Thousand Lakes of Minnesota are merely Babe's footprints that have filled up with water.



NATIONS NO. 1 NEWSBOY ←

To thousands of American communities not served by other public transportation, Greyhound is newsboy, mailman and expressman. Geared to serve in peace or war, the role of "newsboy" is typical of the wide range of Greyhound's service to America.



CITY ON ICE

Smeltana, Michigan, booms in winter but disappears in summer. Its 250 houses are built on the ice of Lake Charlevoix, its inhabitants → fishermen seeking the silvery smelt beneath their somewhat temporary homes.



DESERT WATER BARREL

Probably the last place you'd look for water is in a cactus plant—yet the barrel cactus on the desert near *Tucson, Arizona,* was a life-giving source of water to pioneers. Some of these huge, weird plants are over a hundred years old.



The steel industry continues to operate at close to capacity, and capacity is constantly being increased. Last month, over 7,000,000 tons of steel were produced. The average weekly production in recent weeks has been close to 1,650,000 tons.

LGH COMMANDERS

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from time to time for a visit with General DeWitt or with some of the staff.

General Wallace DeWitt is now completing his second tour of duty as the Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital. Only one other officer has held this command more than once.

Letter from Chile Tells of Progress In Education There

A very interesting letter was recently received by Chaplain Harry A. Shuder from one of his former teachers, who is now stationed in Santiago, Chile. He reports that splendid progress is being made in the social education of the poorer classes of people, and also that there is a general awakening of this class to the importance of making and keeping Chile a democracy.

The Protestant Missions in Santiago are making great strides in educating mothers among the poorer classes by establishing day clinics and nurseries, where mothers who work during the day may leave their small children. By this means many of these babies receive proper food and scientific care for the first time in their young lives. The importance of this work can be judged when it is realized that 22 per cent of all infants die before reaching the age of one year, and approximately 60 per cent of all the children die before the age of seven, which is one of the highest recorded mortality rates of any country of the world. It is hoped that through the splendid work done by these missions that this percentage can be rapidly lowered.

During recent years the common man in Chile has come to a definite conviction that his country must be a democracy. Many of the younger government heads have been studying an advanced social system, determined to establish a government that will work for the betterment of the people.

When we read this "on the spot" account of the struggles of the common people of Chile to better their living conditions, and compare them with our own established high standards of living and democracy, we really feel glad that we were born under the stars and stripes of the United States.

By salvaging, sorting, reprocessing, one airplane plant cut by 12 per cent its 1941 percentage of scrap to war material handled.

Realizing that loose war talk may upset employes in the plant, one war factory devised a rumor board and placed it in the shop. Now, when a worker repeats a rumor, his fellow workers tell him to write it on the Rumor Board and sign his name. In most cases that ends the rumor.

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Playground Palaces, Beach Bonfires Dim for Duration

For some years San Francisco has taken pride in the slogan "The City that Knows How," and after several lessons the city learned how to "black out" and in California fashion takes pride in that achievement. Now the city must learn another "How"—this time how to "dim-out."

The Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District has ordered a dim-out of the entire coast line of California to preclude the possibility of enemy submarines lurking off the coast for the purpose of spotting transports or cargo ships by reason of the silhoutte created against a background of shore lights.

San Francisco has taken pride in its "Playland at the Beach"—a pint-sized edition of Cony Island, but more illuminated than Coney in proportion to size. The glow of lights from this ocean shore resort could be seen long before the homecoming voyagers had a view of the golden coast line.

"Playland" has long been a favorite spot for the civilian population, as well as the men of all the services. It was open for business every night in the year—winter or summer—in rainy or clear weather—and now the lights are dimmed.

The beach is well patronized during the day, and then when night falls it is no uncommon sight to see bonfires in the sands and moving shadows keeping the blaze alight while the wienies are roasted. Hamburger stands and hot dog emporia did a thriving business for those who preferred to sit in parked cars and watch the waves break on the shore. And now the war comes closer.

BUD AND LOU OF RADIO AND SCREEN WELCOME VISITORS TO LGH



AUTOGRAPH HOUNDS capture Bud Abbott and Lou Costello on the occasion of their visit to Letterman General Hospital on Saturday last.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, the comedy team of the airways and screen, who are probably known to more people in these United States than any other man, with the possible exception of President Roosevelt, made a personal appearance at the Recreation Center on Saturday afternoon where they entertained several hundred of the ambulant patients. Bud, in his role as "straight" man fed the openings to Lou, and none was missed. For 45 minutes they had the patients rocking with laughter and for the time being aches and pains were forgotten. Medicine of the kind handed out by Bud and Lou should be on hand in every hospital.

Our own photographer was seen shooting pictures from all angles, and a cameraman from Life magazine was almost as lavish in his expenditure of film.

At no time did Bud and Lou give any indication of working on a schedule. Both were affable and approachable, and must have had writer's cramp on Sunday morning as a result of all the autographs added to the collections of patients who are making a hobby of such.

Private Dominick Varallo, a student of the Special Service Schools, and on duty in the Dental Annex Clinic, is a first cousin of Lou Costello, and he supplied a few personal notes on his well known relative. Lou's father was Italian, and his mother Irish, English was the language in the family, and we are not saying from which side of the house he acquired his antics.

Without doubt Abbott and Costello

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Pay Raise Voted For Enlisted Men

The action this week by the Congress in voting an increase in pay for the enlisted men of the armed forces was very good news to the men of our command.

Early evidence of general approval was noted by the increment in the number of soldiers gathered around the brightly lighted show case in the Post Exchange where electric razors, fountain pens, wrist watches, new pipes, and other gadgets are on display. By far greater number of the "window shoppers" were buck privates and all of them were doing a little day dreaming on what could be done on double pay.

One lanky soldier who stood draped over the counter had a look akin to rapture on his face. A sergeant edged in to see what was the attraction and asked the long one what was going on. The private replied: "Well, Sarge, on my thirty bucks a month I can't afford any of these things, but with an extra twelve coming up I figure I could buy me a fountain pen, and IF it's an extra twenty I could get one of those electric razors and still send some money to the home folks. But I don't know tho—I only shave once a week now and maybe I will skip the razor." And he went back to looking.

Near by was an old retired sergeant taking in the scene and mumbling to himself: "Fifty bucks a month for privates now and they are wondering about buying electric razors and fountain pens. Man, when I was a private we got thirteen dollars a month and we were better soldiers for it."

The privates hope both the House and Congress will agree without too much delay.

SOURCE OF WEEKLY BLASTS OF OUR 'FOG HORN' REVEALED

The idea of publishing a paper for the patients and the personnel of the hospital first presented itself just about a year ago, and struck a responsive cord in the mind of a Public Relations officer. He in turn took the matter up with the Commanding General, and the "go-ahead" signal was given to determine ways and means of producing such a paper.

An early thought was to get out an eight-page mimeographed sheet which would give news about the personnel and items of general interest interspersed with cartoons. The development of the plan was turned over to then Private Rosco J. Willey and Private William L. Fuller. These soldiers spent many hours typing up suggested forms for the paper and discussing ideas that would enhance its value to general readers.

In July of last year a paper from another post was received in the front office, and a close perusal disclosed the fact that it was produced by a so-called "off-set" process which greatly simplified the work of getting out the paper. The printer was called into conference and gave an estimate of the cost involved in publishing such a paper for our Command, and the Commanding General very generously gave his approval to the project.

The first issue of the paper in its present form appeared on August 23, 1941, and has been published every week since that time. There have been no names listed on the masthead on the editorial page, and the time has come now for the editorial staff to remove its collective whiskers and reveal a clean shaven face to our readers.

First of all, we are greatly indebted to the interest and practical support of our Commanding General, Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, who has made the paper possible. Next to come in for the unmasking is Colonel A. B. McKie, Executive Officer and Public Relations Officer for the command. He is the one who is holding the bag in the event that anything gets into print which should have been treated with the silence it deserved. Colonel McKie has also been a sort of "sounding board" for editorial ideas and schemes. They are tried out on him first, and the poor man has endured plenty of grief during the past 10 months struggling to survive the strain entailed by the scrutiny of some of the fantastic notions emanating from the editorial sanctum. Those of us associated with the paper consider Colonel McKie a "good egg."



Brigadier General WALLACE DE WITT
Commanding General



Colonel A. B. McKIE, M. C.
Executive and Public Relations Officer.

The actual work of getting material which appears in our columns is done by the members of the staff whose photographs appear with this story. All of them keep their eyes and ears open from week to week to note anything which might be of interest when reduced to the printed word.

The editor, in newspaper parlance, is the man who selects the material to be considered for treatment with printer's ink. He assigns the work to the members of his staff and he has had wholehearted cooperation.

The deadline for copy is noon on Tuesday of each week. By that time all of the material to be published the following Saturday has been assembled and the job of rewriting begins. Tuesday afternoon is a hectic time in the editorial office.

Routine work in the normal sphere of activity for the staff goes on just the same but between times the constant pounding of three typewriters punches out the articles in shape for the typesetters. Between three and four o'clock—the hour before the deadline—as in real newspaper offices, the pressure becomes somewhat tense, and it is the most inopportune time for anyone to come in with the idea of making a touch for even as much as a dollar. The answer to all appeals is likely to be very brusque and in the negative.

From his inner sanctum the editor begins to needle Jim Gleason, feature writer and general reporter. Jim took journalism in the University of California for two years, where he acquired the vices and only a few of the virtues of a good newspaper man. He never gets his material ready five minutes before the deadline, and is apt to retort, "I always make the deadline, don't I?" when the nervous editor begins to wonder whether his stuff will be ready.

Reporting special news items also falls within the sphere of activity of Rosco J. Willey. He is the man who does everything that is overlooked by everyone else. He covers the Detachment News, looks after the babies, supervises circulation and can do a re-write job on anything culled from the metropolitan dailies or from the press releases of the Bureau of Public Relations at Washington or at the local headquarters. There is no deadline on Sergeant Willey's time so far as the paper is concerned. He works early or late and gets his stuff in on time.

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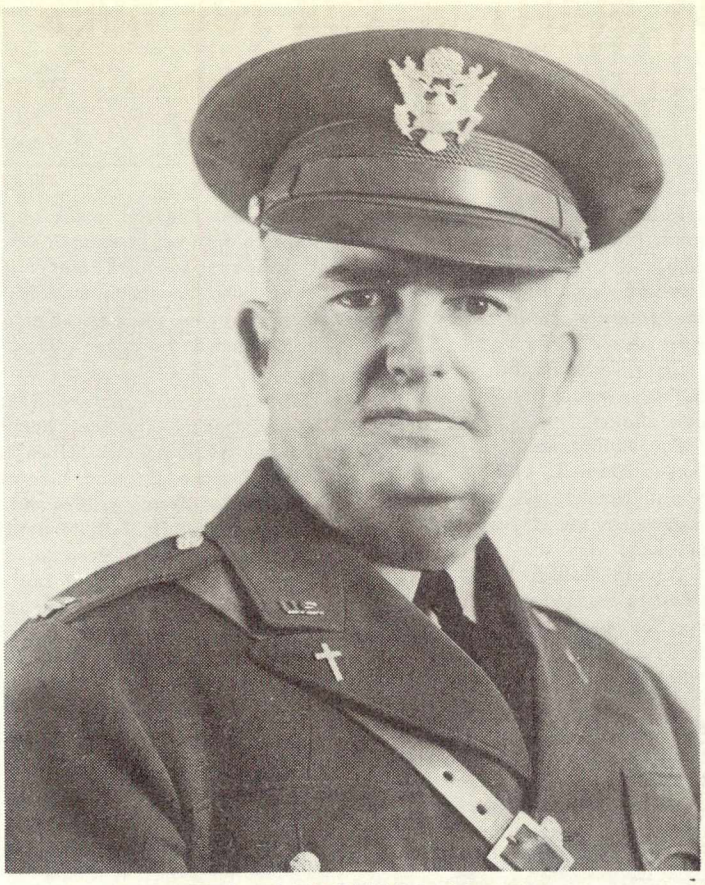
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The one member of the staff who takes a beating on Tuesday afternoon is the secretary, Miss Lois Williams. Copy is thrown at her fast and furiously, and she has learned to transcribe notes that are unintelligible even to the man who penned them. The presence of a lady in the sanctum has a restraining influence on the working stiffs and limits them to the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes or pipe but "eating" tobacco is out. Of course the absence of spitoons deprives us of an orthodox rating for our sanctum, but we would willingly trade two spitoons to keep Miss Williams on the job.

One of the brightest features about the paper is the presence of photographs, which accompany the stories appearing in its columns. For these we are greatly indebted to the men of the Signal Corps on duty at the Photograph Laboratory Headquarters, 9th Corps Area. Colonel Donald B. Sanger, the officer in charge, and his immediate subordinates, Mr. Charles F. Betts, have given us their wholehearted cooperation, and without the photographs we feel that the paper would be a drab sheet indeed.

In connection with the gathering of material, photographs, and the picking up of the paper, transportation is vitally necessary, and in this capacity Technical Sergeant Dave L. Gimble, in charge of the Quartermaster Garage, is indispensable. Without Dave we would be lucky to publish once a month, but with Dave and the way he supports our activities, we could come out every day in the year.



Lieut. Colonel THOMAS L. McKENNA
Post Chaplain—and Editor . . . "in addition to his other duties."

Sergeant Alfred Rozidilla, Jr., has been very faithful in his notes from the Detachment on duty at the Special Service Schools. He always makes the deadline with a little to spare, and that some times works to his disadvantage because it gives the editor the opportunity to hack up his contribution.

Chief Nurse Mary K. Cuppy, who has the misfortune to be located in and office right next door to the sanctum, endures the pangs of constant reminders as "How about some news for your column?" She furnishes the items which appear each week under the A.N.C. insignia, and her material makes interesting reading for all of the patients and personnel.

The paper is distributed on all the wards through the cooperation of the non-commissioned officer in charge of Hospital Police and Personnel, Master Sergeant James C. Vaughn. Copies are set aside for the two Medical Detachments, for the nurses quarters and for the Officers' Staff Room. There is also a small mailing list consisting principally of the commanding officers of the nearby posts and the commanding officers of some of our general hospitals throughout the country. There are no paid subscriptions and no paid advertising is accepted.

The supervision of the activities of the staff is part of an "additional duty" of the Post Chaplain. He sort of keeps his eye on things, coordinates the functions of the different departments, and sits back smoking a big cigar while the rest of the staff develop high-blood pressure trying to comply with his inordinate demands for instant and constant production. If he would only wear an eye-shade and get a squint in one eye, and pay a little more attention to the development of a snarl, he would be the kind of editor people see in the movies, and the type that is no more like a real editor than a Keystone Cop is like one of our hospital M.P.'s.

Contributions of poetry and prose are welcome, but unless these happen to reach the editor when he is in a good humor, contributors are apt to be disappointed when the next issue of the paper emerges from

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Reporter and Circulation



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Reporter and Features



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EDITORIAL

AVE ATQUE VALE

Perhaps the meaning could be clearer in English—Hail and Farewell—but there is something to the lilt of the Latin that conveys the idea of separation.

In these days our friends, associates, acquaintances, and fellow soldiers are moving here and there, to posts far or near, but all are definitely in motion.

We as a nation have undertaken a contract to complete a big job. That job will require the efforts of millions of men and millions in munitions. There will be expenditures of ships and guns, as well as expenditure of human lives.

We who wear the uniform of the armed forces of the nation have a part in the fulfillment of that contract. We hold ourselves in readiness to go anywhere in the world to make our personal contribution to the completion of the job ahead.

We will cross the paths along the way of others who are under the same obligation. There will be little time for reminiscence or exchange of ideas as to what is to be done or how. We have our orders to go—and go we will.

The old Roman salutation will be our Godspeed. It tells the whole story as we pass on the way. To all we say,

Hail and Fare Thee Well!

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MAY 15th and 17th:

THE MALE ANIMAL—Henry Fonda and Olivia De Haviland. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 19th and 20th:

THE COURTSHIP OF ANDY HARDY—Mickey Rooney and Cecelia Parker. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 21st and 22nd:

SWAMP WATER—Walter Houston and Ann Baxter. Also Short Subjects.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **Chauncey E. Dovell** pausing here briefly on his way to somewhere.

A flying dish which makes passing the Internes' dining room double jeopardy for any one.

Lieut. **Jack Hughes** in for a few minutes before moving on to his new station.

The announcement of the promotion of **Frank L. Cole** to the dignity of full colonel. We mean the kind who wears the eagles on his shoulder loop.

Captain **Robley N. Ellis** bidding adieu to his associates prior to leaving for post graduate work and study at the Mayo Clinic.

Sid Davis and **Bob Baldwin** heading for town on a weekly pass while **Ray Mayo** could only wish for a pass.

A beautiful sandy beard on **Sgt. Brazleton** on M-1 which no one should have shaved off.

Mr. H. E. Barton, Commander 11th District, Dept. of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars, calling on the Post Chaplain to place his organization "on call" for any service they might render the patients.

Mrs. **Freda Sherman** with a new hair do—and not bad.

And more people putting in allotment blanks signed for War Bond deductions on the pay roll. Have you signed on the dotted line?

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the press—because editors are like that, you know!

Constructive criticism and suggestions for the betterment of the paper are aways in order. No one has yet been thrown out of the sanctum for bringing in a suggestion, but it is well to remember that there is always a first time for everything.

Producing the paper is a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun, and if our readers get one tenth as much pleasure out of our columns as we do in the make up, we will feel amply repaid for our labors.



The latest addition to the nursing staff prompts us to extend a word of welcome to Miss **Mary Ellen Leahy,** who has been stationed at Camp Haan for the past 14 months, an dreported here for duty this week.

Miss Leahy is a native of Sligo County, Ireland, and took her professional training at St. Giles Hospital in London, England. She came to the United States in 1929 and has been on the staff of Bellevue Hospital and Fordham Hospital, New York, and on the staffs of Los Angeles General Hospital, Orange County Hospital, and Riverside County Hospital, California, prior to being ordered to active duty.

The salutation "What's Cooking?" should be addressed these days to Miss **Lois Mikesell** who is in charge of the Mess during the absence of **Mrs. Treulholtz.** It was erroneously reported that Miss **Eileen Donnelly** had that job.

Miss Ellen Ryan—formerly stationed here, and now at Gardner Field, Taft—was a visitor last week. She brought greetings from Miss **Virginia Severyn** who is the two-banded boss—Chief Nurse to you—at Gardner Field.

Miss **Pearl G. Nicholls,** recently appointed Chief Nurse at Camp Crockett, has been transferred to duty with one of the affiliated units. Her place at Crockett was taken by Miss **Eunice Byrd**—ex L.G.H.—who has been promoted to Chief Nurse.

Another of our former associates—Miss **Marguerite E. Hendrix**—now a Chief Nurse—has also been added to one of those affiliated units.

Miss **Bernardine B. Tomlinson** has left us for a new station, and it is said she has been taken for a boat ride.

According to a history of Nashua, New Hampshire, that city can boast the first factory devoted exclusively to the manufacture of machinists' tools, begun in 1838 by John H. Gage.

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 17, 1942

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Invitation to Memorial Services Extended by R. V. A.

A service memorializing the dead of Pearl Harbor will be held on Sunday, May 24th, in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, sponsored by the Regular Veterans Association. The service will begin at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Geo. W. St. Kilda, State Chaplain of the Regular Veterans, will read the Lesson and deliver the memorial prayer and the Benediction while the sermon for the occasion will be preached by the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, and a reserve chaplain in the Army of the United States.

Members of the R. V. A. who are to be remembered at this service are St. Sgt. Joseph C. Herbert, Sgt. Joseph J. Shagnon, Cpl. La Verne J. Needham, and Pvt. Theodore Byrd.

A general invitation to attend the service is extended to the patients and personnel of this hospital.



To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Stanley E. Robbins, Fort McDowell, California, a son, Bruce Beynon, born May 6th, 1942, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



LONNIE C. REDUS

Private Lonnie C. Redus is one of the newer men of the Detachment and is on duty in the Laboratory of the hospital. He is a "Lone Star Stater"—having been born and raised in the city of Dallas. His education has carried him through the public schools of that city and the Southern Methodist University as well where he graduated in Biology and Chemistry. His plans for a degree in Medicine were threatened by a "too early" call from his draft board so he decided to enlist.

Pvt. Redus' enlistment took place in Dallas, October 21, 1941, and his initial instructions were given at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, to attend an eight weeks Medical training course and was then transferred to Letterman, arriving in February.

Formal schooling has prepared Pvt. Redus to handle very well the work assigned him in the "Lab," and a full conception of the value of the practical experience being afforded him is not being wasted. To be able to transform the schooling he so recently completed into actual experience is one phase of his education this practical person had not contemplated.

Pvt. Redus has known what he has wanted in life for many years and has worked hard at an avocational education to pay for a vocational education. Summer months have found him playing with various dance bands to help earn the necessary tuition for school. And week-ends during the school year usually were spent on a "job" with the School Dance Band. And his music is NOT "corn" as can be attested by the fact that summer engagements have found him "tootin' his horn" with hi-light band names such as Glenn Gray and Isham Jones.

One of the most pleasing points of Redus' personality is his enthusiasm for his work and his downright enjoyment in being able to help. After many of the yard-long tales of woe to be found from the world in general by even intimating "good morning," to meet our Buck of the Week is as refreshing as the evening wind from the sea.

FISHERMAN'S WHARF CELEBRATES SEMICENTURY OF SUCCULENCE

One of San Francisco's most colorful traditions—Fisherman's Wharf—will strike out the flags this week to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Much has changed since the first small boat slipped out of the lagoon and pointed seaward through the Golden Gate in search of a catch of crabs.

Fathers who came from Italy before the turn of the century to build up the prosperous fishing industry have died and their sons are carrying on. Smart "grottoes" and cocktail lounges have replaced many of the old fish markets, and the gayly colored sailing craft, which might have drifted across the Bay of Naples, are now propeleld by gasoline motors.

But not even the war has dimmed the color and drama of this little colony at the foot of Taylor street.

True, the Embarcadero itself has been shut off by a wire fence and soldier sentinels stand guard.

The crab fleet, too, is smaller, since a large number of the fishermen were aliens. A year ago, 100 boats would set out in the early morning looking for crabs. Now about 50 are operating, and they are shepherded out at sunrise and back at sunset by the Coast Guard.

But the catch has never been better, the fishermen say, and the price of crabs is going down. The only scarcity has been abalone, formerly caught by Japanese fishermen off Monterey, and even that shortage, they predict, will end when the abalone fleets are reorganized.

Proprietors were a little confused at the stories circulated last month that Fisherman's Wharf would vanish for the duration in the face of military expediency.

"The army has never told us that we would have to move," a spokesman said, "and not a restaurant or market has closed down. If the army would ever need this place, we would help them move the stuff out. We'd be tickled to death to do anything to help the army. But so far, business is going on just as it did before the war."

The pungent salt air still sweeps in through the Golden Gate, the crab kettles still steam at sidewalk markets, and the boys still joke with Captain Frank.

Captain Frank is one of the old-time fishermen who has left the fleet to do work as a dock seaman for the duration. His nickname is "Lieutenant," because he fought with the American army in the last World war.

How long has Captain Frank been a fisherman? Count the barnacles on his face, they tell you. Frank himself doesn't talk much, but he will confess he made his first trip on a fishing craft at the age of 10 and has been at it ever since.

Walk down the sidewalk a way, past the trays of plump, pink prawns and the tables laden with crabs and lobsters and you find a man whose father arrived in America from Southern Italy 62 years ago and started a fishing business from the foot of Vallejo's street eight years later.

Father tended his boat and mended his nets, moved on down the waterfront to Meiggs wharf and raised a family of 12 children. One son is now in the army and a second will soon be wearing the colors. Three others are on Fisherman's Wharf carrying on the family skill.

Each little shop has its own traditions. Each bronzed, weather-beaten face tells its own story of boats that sail out through the Golden Gate at sunrise and back again at sunset. Nothing can still the creak of beams and the whine of hawsers as the crab fleet tosses uneasily in the blue lagoon, waiting for another day.

An attempt to run down the source of the rumors and reports about the closing of the Wharf failed to produce authority behind the stories. In official sources the terse motto of the FBI—"No Comment"—seemed to be the most popular form of reply, and the men of the newspaper fraternity have learned to know that "No Comment" means just that, and any speculation is idle effort.

Until the orders are issued which will put the Wharf off limits for the duration, the Sunday afternoon patrons will continue to pick up their fresh crabs to bring home for a light supper, and the younger generation will make it a late stop for a midnight snack via curb service at the sign of the boiling lobster.

San Francisco still likes its sea food fresh.

ON THE SPOT



ANTHONY THOMAS TRAVALINE

Anthony Thomas Travaline, "Tony" to everybody in these parts, was born at Landsdowne, Pennsylvania, and after he had finished high school in his home town, he decided to make the Air Corps a career. He enlisted in Philadelphia January 10, 1940, was sent to Slocum for a brief sojourn, and landed at Hickam Field on the 20th of March the same year.

Tony was present when the Nipponese made their unannounced call on the morning of December 7th, and he wears the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for meritorious services on that morning.

Normally, Tony displays an infectious smile. He seems to be always in good humor save on those occasions when anyone speaks disparagingly of Landsdowne. The mere suggestion of difficulty connected with locating that town on any road map is sufficient to bring a blush of annoyance to eradicate his normal smile.

A neighbor of Tony who hails from York, Pennsylvania, seemed to have the edge on him, because the post office at that place gave the appearance of sending mail out regularly, where at Landsdowne it was thought necessary to wait until it had enough to fill a sack.

The concensus of opinion among his buddies is that Tony is "quite all right."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men: Francis E. Moorehead, appointed Staff Sergeant, Andrew J. Campbell and Charles K. Anthony appointed Sergeant Technicians, and Stanley Shore and Doniphan E. Winfrey appointed Corporal Technicians.

A welcome is extended to Privates Edmund O. Cunningham and Arthur F. Glein, who enlisted recently and reported here for active duty May 6th and 8th respectively.

The golf tournament entered the final stage of elimination when M/Sgt. Thomas Ward defeated Corporal Patrick Wilds 4 and 2, and Sgt./T John A. Harrell defeated S/Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson one up on the 19th hole. Sgt. Alfred A. Baer and Corpl./T Gordon E. Gahlgren will play their match to make it complete and the final round should be played next week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson losing golf balls to the tune of $4.00 during the tournament—"and there is a rubber shortage."

Sgt. Beuford E. Folson asking $40.00 apiece for five new tires—with a 1936 V-8 thrown in.

Cpl. Nels L. Allison's present transportation choice—a brand-new, Maroon colored Buick.

S/Sgt. William R. Odahl always wearing his insignias backward.

Pvt. Leonard F. Satterlee filling the coffee cups so full at the East Hospital Mess that there is room for neither sugar nor cream.

Cpl./T William Couch getting anxious to go home in July.

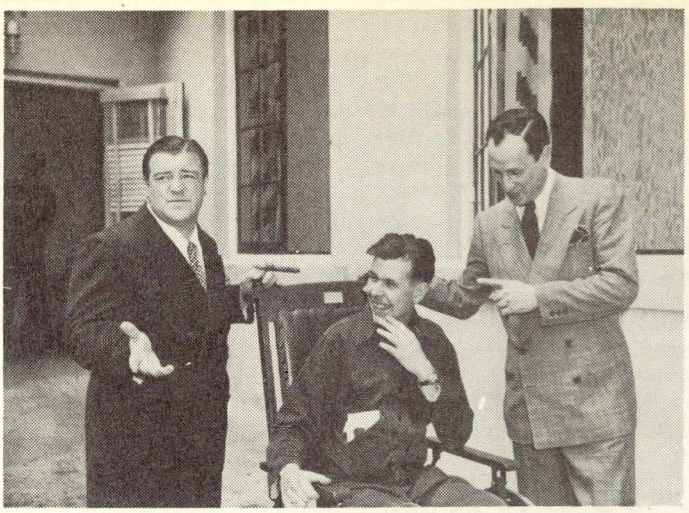
S/Sgt. Joseph Jones threatening to move his hotel room to the post if he doesn't get more sleep in T-32.

Sgt./T Alfred T. Calchera with his nose in a dope sheet a great deal of the time for a man who doesn't play the horses.

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO

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proved to be the most genial of all the professional entertainers who have visited Letterman in recent times, and their promise of a return call prompts us to admit that everyone will be glad to see them again and often.



Pvt. JOHN P. HOLLAWAY

An exclusive program put on for the benefit of Pvt. John P. Hollaway by Bud Abbott and Lou Costello seems to be meeting with wholehearted approval. Photo taken during recent visit of comedians to Letterman.

Steno Stymied as Time Stands Still

"Has anyone seen a sun dial around here?" asked the Clock Watcher as she skidded into the office on her heels. "I know I'm late, but just how late I don't know."

The Sergeant cocked a quizzical eyebrow, peered at her over his glasses, and pointed out that the morning was very foggy, and a sun dial wouldn't be at all efficient as a time piece. The C. W. chattered on, oblivious of the correction.

"The Service Station clock said 8:20, but the one in the Quartermaster Corps' office is stuck at 7:45, and now the one in the hall says 7:50, but I know it's past 8:30!" She sounded a bit baffled by the irregularity. "Will you please explain to me just what is going on? For the past couple of days I've had to depend on the whistle system to let me know just when to eat, and when to go home, and to an old Clock Watcher it doesn't seem a bit cricket."

The Sergeant patiently sighed and said, "Oh, the A. C. is off."

Her womanly retort was "Why?"

The Sergeant elucidated, "For repairs."

The C. W. closed the conversation with "Oh."

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Nothing New

Herb Caen in his "Chronicle" column "It's News to Me" ran this story early in the week:

Lou Costello, of the famed comedy team of Abbott and Costello, was in the Bal Tab Frinite, gabbing with Bandleader Bill Clifford, when over wandered a sailor who said he was "Ray Jones—and could I have your autograph, please, Mr. Costello?" Of course, said Lou, no sooner said than done . . . . Then the sailor fished into his pocket and pulled out a highly polished bullet. . . . "This bullet was inside me once," said the sailor. I got it aboard the Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. I've been keeping it as a souvenir—but you're such a swell guy—well, I want you to have it." . . . Costello silently stared at the bullet for a few seconds, then took off his gorgeous, expensive wristwatch and gave it to the sailor—and insisted that he keep it. . . . "Gee," Lou kept saying over and over, "that really got me, it really did!"

We wonder if the veteran of World War I who was always giving away his helmet—the one that had been shot from his head: the bullet holes proved it—has given ideas to the rising generation.

A new aluminum plant just placed in operation can make in one month 50 per cent more tons of airplane sheet than the whole country produced in 1938.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Our instructors obligingly tell us that the students who have arrived during the past two months are doing very well. They are hand picked from Medical Replacement Centers, and many of them hold college degrees. In our group, the universities represented are Cornell, Princeton, Syracuse, Northwestern, Harvard, and Wisconsin.

The School is now over a year old, several hundred men have completed the course in that time, and every graduate is making good.

We learn that Major Shivers, who was introduced to the ancient game of golf by way of a set of borrowed clubs, has invested in a set of his own, and threatens the championship honors of Lt. Scott.

You do not find empty cigarette packages thrown away in the Schools' Detachment. The tinfoil is being saved for National Defense.

At the present time some 40 of our students of the Special Service Schools are on detached service. Staff Sergeant Howard B. Dow had a trip to Seattle, and on the way back was able to visit relatives at Medford, Oregon. Another fortunate member of the command, Technician 4th Grade Allen R. Crampton, had a chance to call on his people in Los Angeles, California.

Our former Sergeant, John T. Young, writes back from Carlisle Barracks where he is a student in the Officer Candidate School, telling us he is much pleased with his present surroundings.

Six men from the Medical Detachment at Letterman are now here on special duty. They were Privates First Class Haskell H. Betson, George R. Sistek, and James Hambleton; and Privates Fernando Bri ones, Frank L. Weller, Jr., and Bernard Morof.

To save gas, tires and other auto equipment employes of many companies have formed "Share Your Car" clubs and take turns driving each other to work.

Your Credit Is Good at the Post Exchange

The attractive young nurse was leaning on the counter in front of the glassed in Post Exchange office when the old colonel came by and greeted her with effusions.

"Where have you been? Have not laid eyes on you in ages."

"Oh, working. You know, down there you never see anyone."

"That's right, I have not been down there for a long time myself, but what are you doing here?"

"Getting a 'clearance.' "

"Clearance? Why?"

"Getting married."

"So, you're getting married? Anyone I know?"

"No."

Then the clerk came to the window with a querying look on his face. It said all too plainly "Want somethin'?" without utterance.

The A. Y. N.—in case you have forgotten, you were reading about an Attractive Young Nurse—said "I want a clearance."

"Have you brought anything in town on a P. X. Order?"

"No."

"Have you signed any chits at the Grill?"

"No."

"Had any dry cleaning?"

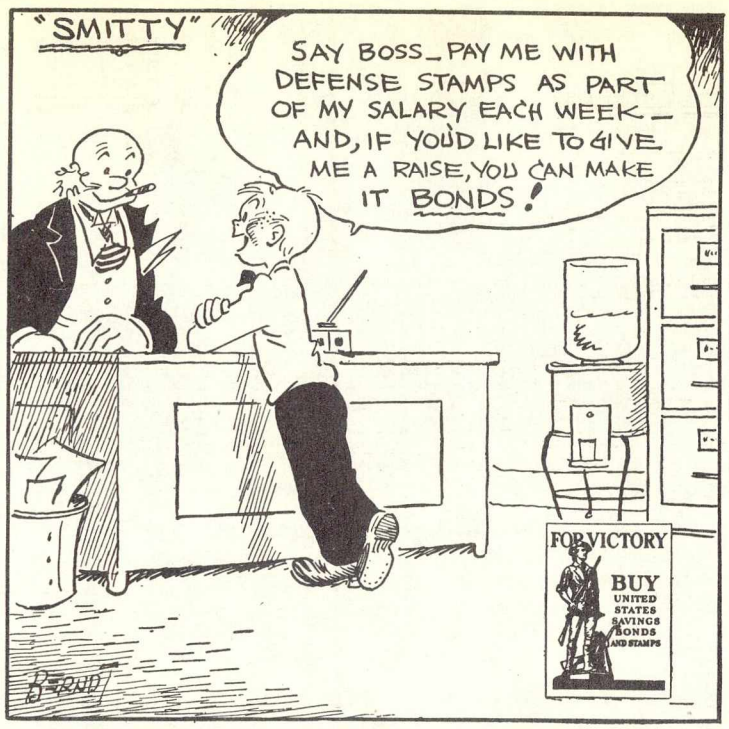
"No."

"Okay, it will just take a few minutes to look through these chits to make sure you have not forgotten some of them."

"I do not think I have."

"Maybe not, anyhow we always trust people, take their word for things, but then just to be on the safe side we check just the same. You know how the P. X. is!"

"Yeah, I know. Thanks for the 'clearance.' "



The Feller Me Mudder T'inks I Am

Whilst walking down a crowded city street the other day,
I heard a little urchin to a comrade turn and say:
"Hi, Chimmie, lemme tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam,
If only I was the feller dat me mudder t'inks I am.
She t'inks I am a wonder, and she knows her little lad
Could never mix wit' nuttin dat was ugly mean or bad,
Oh, lots of times I sit and t'ink how nice 'twould be, gee whiz,
If a feller was de feller dat his mudder t'inks he is."

—Will S. Adkin

Two Cups of Coffee

SKEPTICAL QUERY: "If America loses the War and the Cartel System wins—what will become of my life time savings of $20,000 insurance?"

ANSWER: "You will probably get out of your insurance enough to buy one cup of coffee."

SKEPTICAL QUERY NO. 2: What about my $20,000 of Government Bonds then?

ANSWER: "You will probably have an equity enough to buy two cups of coffee."

Are you interested to see that this Government remains intact in the struggle before us? Your spare money is needed to help Uncle Sam pay $50.00 per month to our soldiers. You need to save till it hurts. If you do, the pain of today will be your pleasure tomorrow. America can well afford to invest moneys only in REAL things. Let the junk, tinsel, and the "fool's gold" type of goods rot. Instead buy real things, the fundamentals—food, simple clothing, and BONDS. DO IT NOW.

The Government is honored to count you one of its business associates.

See Chaplain Shuder or Sergeant Barr at once for an application.

BABIES—JUST BABIES

The long-billed bird was busy recently, and devoted some of his time to calls on the families of some of our personnel, in each instance leaving a precious little bundle.

On May 5, 1942, the Stork arrived at the University of California Hospital, and left seven pounds, eight ounces, of Julie Ann for Captain and Mrs. William H. Ice.

The bird continued in the same general direction and stopped at Children's Hospital to leave seven pounds, three ounces, of Richard Albert to Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Farnocchia.

Mr. Farnocchia is the Steward of our Post Exchange, and has been receiving congratulations in his glass cage all week over the arrival of young Dick.

Captain Ice keeps himself hidden away in the Fever Therapy room, and consequently, his well-wishers have had to lay for him to express their congratulations.

All reports agree mothers and babes are doing well.

OFFICERS

LEFT STATION

Major Albert G. Clark, M. C.
Captain Edwin G. Clausen, M. C.
Captain Robert G. Rate, M. C.
Captain Gustave A. Matson, S. C.

JOINED STATION

Major Charles F. McCuskey, M. C.
Captain Robert W. King, M. C.
1st Lieut. Leonard S. Buck, M. C.
1st Lieut. William E. Irons, M. C.
1st Lieut. Earl H. Klabunde, M. C.
1st Lieut. Thomas L. Magee, M. C.
1st Lieut. Charles C. Mohun, M. C.
1st Lieut. Donald R. Pratt, M. C.
1st Lieut. Joseph A. Schultheis, M. C.
1st Lieut. Jacob M. Silverstein, M. C.
1st Lieut. Marcus A. Krupp, M. C.
1st Lieut. John A. Duthie, D. C.

PROMOTED

1st Lieut. Donald E. Moore, M. C., to Captain.

Lieut. Duthie on Active Duty

Recent orders from the War Department in Washington have been announced as authority for assignment to active duty of 1st Lieutenant John A. Duthie, D. C., Res. Lt. Duthie is a native of Livingstone, Montana, and made his studies at the University of Iowa and the University of Wyoming, where he took his degree in Bachelor of Science. His post graduate work in dentistry was taken at Harvard University where he was graduated in 1941 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Lt. Duthie was appointed Dental Interne at Letterman Hospital on July 1, 1941, and served in that capacity until his assignment to active duty on May 1st of this year.

Lt. Duthie is a bachelor and a nice one.

Jap Evacuation Is Taking High Toll

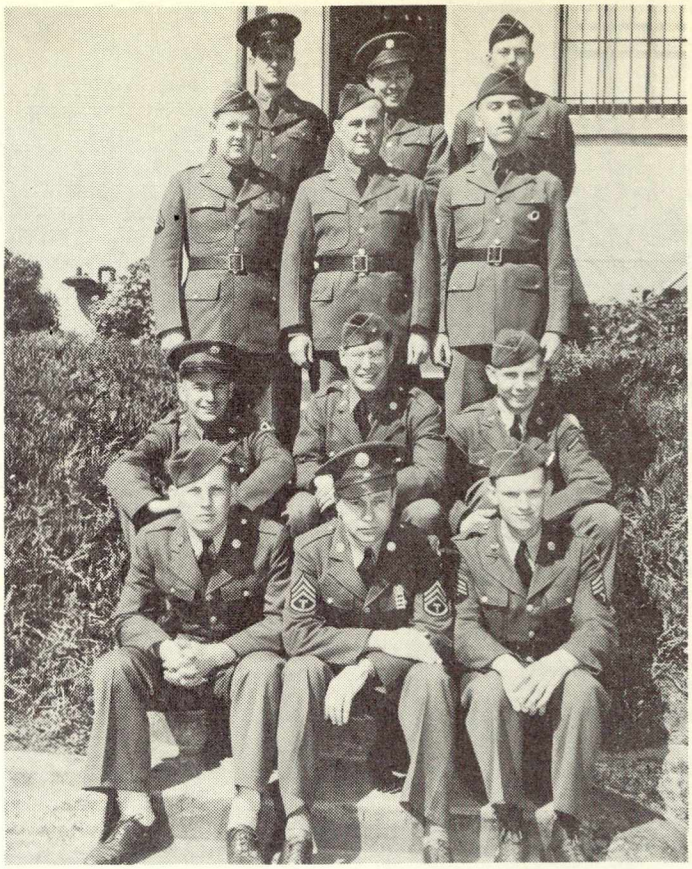
The total of Pacific Coast Japanese already evacuated or under Army orders to be moved passed an estimated total of 75,000 this week, with the issuance by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt of three additional exclusion orders, bringing the total orders issued to 69.

BUD TO SIS

Dear Sis:

It has been some time since I wrote to you the last time and since then I have been busy trying to work an angle to get into one of these officers training schools all over the country and the hitch is that you are supposed to have at least two years of college and I am trying to find out if the three years I spent in the last year of high school would count as the same as two years in college and some think two years are two years whether you spend it in San Quentin or Marina Junior College and others say that if you stay in the same class a second year it is the same as if you had not been in the class the year before and I get mixed up trying to find out if my diploma shows I am graduated or not from high school because it does not say anything about graduating only to whom these presents shall come greeting and if you remember no one gave me any presents at graduation time because I was detained by the juvenile court and could not get out for the exercises and when the judge let me go he said it would not count against me if I wanted to join the army or navy but if I did not enlist he would have a cop calling at the house every week just to make sure I was at home before nine o'clock and that was before the war when I did not want to be an officer or even a dogface but now I am in and might as well ride the gravy train if I can find a seat or even a spot to put my foot on because being an officer is a good job and you do not have to salute first unless you are a second lieut. and then you have to salute practically everybody and I am practicing saluting whenever I see our big Sergeant Vaughan or our broad Sergeant Ward or our stout Sergeant Holcombe who are going to be officers one of these days and if I salute them now you can see what a swell spot I will be in when they come back here with bars on their Shoulders and I don't mean those bars where a soldier can only get a drink after six and before ten but any one of those husky non coms could carry even that kind of a bar if it had to be moved and there were no recruits around to take orders to move it and that is why I like to be an officer and give orders instead of being on the receiving end all the time of everything that comes my way and if you know any politicians who know some high ranking officers maybe I could get to go to the officers schools even without the two years in college and then you could come down to the post and meet some second lieut. who might be willing to get married and then we would have two officers in the family but of course when I gtt to be private first class that will be a step up even if it is a long climb to second lieut. and now I will sign off and make out like I am a second lieut and sign my name

BUD
2nd Lieut. MAC (?)



SERGEANT RAY LUTES and the men of the Signal Corps Photo Laboratory who take the photos shown in all the issues of the "Fog Horn." First row: Pvt. Milton Riley, St. Sgt. Ray Lutes, Sgt. Robert Cutter. Second row: Cpl. Don Bradlor, Pvt. Richard Crawford, Pfc. Henry Siepolt. Third row: Cpl. Dick Tuttle, Cpl. Walter Hoch, Sgt. Roy Parker. Fourth row: Sgt. Ellis Yarnell, Pvt. Kenneth McVey, Sgt. Frank Moore.



MARY KATHERINE CUPPY
Nurses Reporter



ALFRED L. ROZADILLA
Reporter

9th CA Cameramen Do Excellent Job For Our Paper

One of the outstanding features of our weekly paper is the profusion of photographs appearing in each issue which never fail to be included in the favorable remarks and comments of our readers and even the letter writers will devote a line or two to the praise of the pictures.

Staff Sgt. Ray Lutes and the men of his detachment on duty in Photo Laboratory of the Signal Corps are deserving of all the credit for producing such an interesting feature of the "FOG HORN."

With all of the activities in this sector calling for photographic work the demands on the time and talent of the Signal Corps detachment are almost without end but we cannot recall a single occasion where sergeant was unable to comply with a request for a cameraman to "shoot" a few pictures for us and our paper. It was not always an easy matter to arrange a schedule for the photographers to cover everything but Sgt. Lutes must have a "spare" around at all times. He has never let us down.

Don Bradlor draws the assignment to Letterman more often than any of his mates but Frank Moore and Ellis Yarnell have devoted their talents to taking scenes and people on occasion and all of them are most accommodating. Patience must be a requisite for a good photographer and these men are never in a hurry to get a job done. They take time enough to do it properly.

The gang in the dark room rate a special mention for the quality of the work which comes out of the tank. It is in keeping with the high standards set by the Signal Corps.

Lights! Action!! Camera!!!

This Space Reserved
for Photo of
Quartermaster Reporter
—If We Had a Reporter

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Colonel Rowan Is Again Honored By Republic of Cuba

The Cuban Government has again honored Colonel Andrew Rowan, the man who carried the message to Garcia.

At ceremonies at Bayamo, Cuba, Cuban officials yesterday unveiled a bronze plaque showing the American and Cuban flags, and the figures of Rowan and General Calixto Garcia.

The plaque is in the house where Rowan had his historic interview with General Garcia May 1, 1898, when Cuba was struggling for independence from Spain.

Major Luis Rodolfo Miranda, sub-Secretary of State and head of the Cuban Historical Teaching Society, who witnessed Rowan's arrival with President McKinley's message pledging U. S. cooperation, was the speaker at the unveiling, Associated Press reported.

Colonel Rowan, now 85, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by the United States, and had been previously decorated by the Cuban Government.

The Colonel has been a patient at Letterman General Hospital for over two years, and during that time his devoted wife has been a daily visitor.

Colonel Rowan has never admitted that the completion of his mission in carrying the message to Garcia was anything beyond what any man might have done, and in that modest attitude the real hero stands out. However, he smilingly agrees that it is pleasant to have been remembered down through the years for what he terms "a routine performance of duty."



Lt. Col. RAYMOND O. DART, M. C.
Who has just completed a five year tour of duty as Chief of Laboratory Service.

Winners of 'Life' Art Awards To Be Announced in July

The Trustees of the National Gallery of Art announced yesterday that the eleven prize-winning pictures from LIFE's Art Competition for men of the armed forces will have their first public showing at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., on Friday, July 3rd. The pictures will remain on exhibition in the Nation's Capital for three weeks.

The competition, announced last March, by the Editors of Life Magazine, was conducted with the cooperation of the Public Relations Bureaus of the War and Navy Departments, and closed May 4th.

The occasion for the announcement was the final selection of the eleven prize winning pictures, chosen from more than 1500 entries in Life Magazine's Art Competition, for purchase awards ranging from $50 to $300 and totaling $1000.

In addition to the eleven canvases selected by the judges for purchase awards, 34 other paintings entered in the competition were also chosen for exhibition with the winning pictures at the National Gallery of Art.

The eleven artists, together with their prize-winning pictures, will be announced in the July 6th issue of Life Magazine.

OCE MEN PAGED

The Oregon College of Education at Monmouth is anxious to maintain a roster of former students who are now in the armed forces of the nation. All OCE men are asked to write to the Registrar giving name, rank, and organization, as well as other pertinent information about themselves.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS COMPLETE THE FIRST YEAR

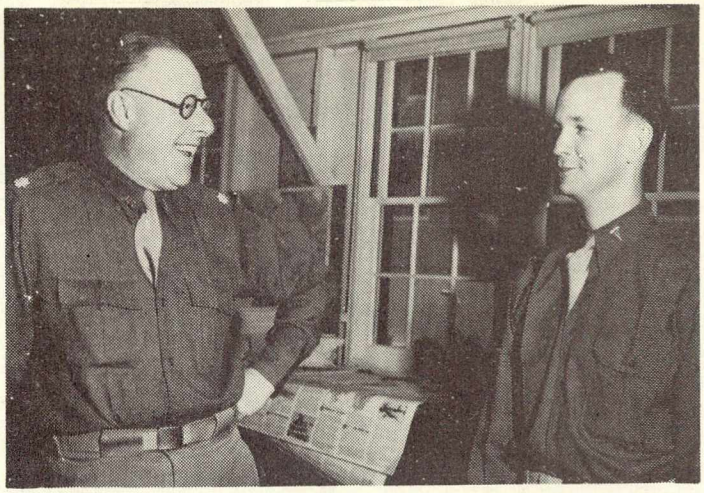
A little over a year ago on April the first, Letterman General Hospital opened a new training center, known as the Special Service Schools, whose purpose was to train men in specialized hospital work. Enlisted men were sent here from various medical units located in all parts of the country, to further their knowledge as Dental, Pharmacy, Medical X-ray, Surgical, and Laboratory Technicians.

In the past year over 1000 students have completed a three month course of instruction, of these, 98 per cent were successful in meeting the graduating requirements, while only two per cent failed, which is in itself a record to be proud of.

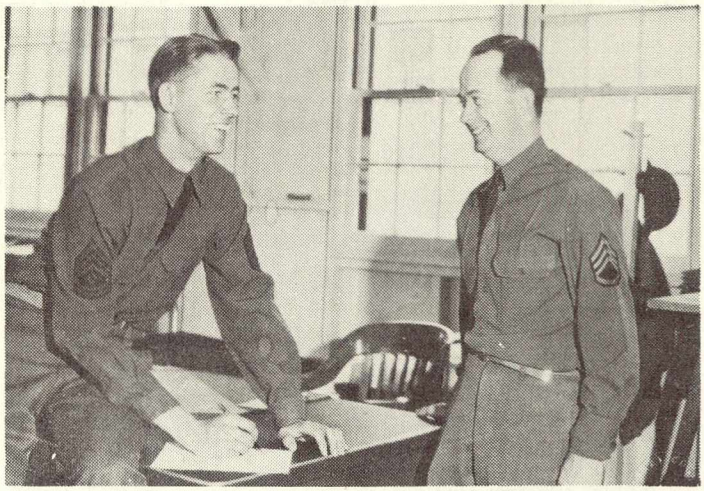
These students not only attended classes and demonstrations in the classrooms but after a certain amount of school work was accomplished they were sent into the hospital to do actual work under the supervision of the well experienced hospital staff who have co-operated to the fullest extent to help train these men.

While in the hospital the pharmacy students compound and mix the prescriptions that are used daily in the wards and clinics, and during this time they become well acquainted with the inner functions of a modern hospital pharmacy. The medical students are assigned to the medical wards and clinics, where they are allowed to administer medicines, serve special diets, give therapeutics treatments, and assist the doctors in making examinations, they are also given special training in psychiatric nursing, and electrocardiac work. In the laboratory, students, assist in all the various examinations, study specimens, and also assist in autopsies, these are but a few of the many procedures that go on in our well-equipped laboratory, which always has plenty of work for the students to do so that they may gain in their experience before graduating.

In the surgical section the students are assigned to the operating room where they assist the nurses and doctors in all types of operations, run the sterilizing equipment, and help in the preparation of patients for operations, they also work in the surgical clinics and wards where they help in the care of the post-operative patients, do dressings and assist in surgical treatment and examinations.



LT. COLONEL HUMPHREY N. ERVIN, Assistant Commandant, Special Service Schools, has just tossed a puzzler to his adjutant, Captain Chester G. Moore, Jr.



GOOD HUMOR evident on school faculty. 1st Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske telling Staff Sgt. William H. Sink to "laugh and the world laughs with you."

The X-ray students work in the hospital X-ray and make many of the X-rays requested, and also develop and help to read them, their work also includes the upkeep of the latest types of X-ray equipment.

The dental students construct during their course, all types of prosthetic appliances that are used in the dental section of the hospital, they study metals and materials that are used in modern dentistry as well as anatomy and the many theories of dental construction.

While in the hospital the student not only gains in experience, but aids greatly to the smooth and efficient work by carrying out all assignments that are given to him to the best of his ability.

Among other duties that were performed by the students while in training was assisting in the loading of hospital trains, and the unloading of casualties from hospital ships, and acting as active personal on hospital evacuation trains that went to other hospitals in all sections of the United States, while on these trips the students administered to the needs of the patients and performed many tasks that would not have been possible without the valuable training they received in the classrooms, the officers in charge of these trips have complimented the schools time and time again upon the diligence in which these students performed their duties.

When the students finished their training they were awarded certificates of proficiency, and were sent back to the original units from which they came, not only to do the technical work that they were taught here, but to pass on their knowledge to the men in the units that were not fortunate enough to attend the schools.

The method of selecting students for training at the schools has changed greatly in the past two months, instead of having men sent from regular medical units, the students that we receive now are men who have been in the Army but a short time, they are hand-picked by the Officers of the Medical Replacement Center, at Camp Grant, Illinois, for their intelligence and willingness to become trained technicians in the Medical Department. Most of these men have never had previous hospital training or experience and must go through the rigorous course as the former students did before them, and after the completion of their training they are assigned by the War Department to fill vacancies in medical units throughout the armed forces.

In looking back over the past year, we can say without hesitation that the high ideals that were set by the Commandant of the schools, Brig. General Wallace De Witt, and carried out by the energetic assistant Commandant, Lt. Col. Humphrey L. Ervin, and the Officers and enlisted men under their command, have been largely responsible for the success of the school. The men who have been trained here will be of inestimable value to the units to which they are assigned, and will do much to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department.

The general manager glowered at a very poorly written letter. Then, summoning his chief clerk, he said:

"That new stenographer is awful. And I distinctly told you to check up on her grammar before hiring her."

"Grammar," echoed the clerk. "Gosh, boss I thought you said 'glamor'."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men: Theodore Schmierer appointed Master Sergeant; Rue B. Masterson and Lester L. Lockwood appointed Technical Sergeants; Calvin D. Williams appointed First Sergeant; Ralph R. Gustafson and John R. Saurwein, Jr., appointed Staff Sergeants; Jerome C. Johnson, Sayler E. Reed, Jr., Bert A. Selberg, Robert H. Morton and William L. Fuller appointed Sergeants; Edward F. Haverty, George J. Devine, Arlen F. Duke and Otis F. Morris appointed Corporals; William S. Taylor, Jr., and Harold C. Hayes appointed Corporal Technicians; John J. Hartman, Robert C. Bibele, John R. Miller, Lester J. Miller, Albert A. Napolitan, Lonnie C. Redus, Edward C. Vicary, Rupert H. Freedman, Primo D. Bazzani, Trino R. Martinez and Isadore Lanfrnaco appointed Privates First Class.

Discharged for the convenience of the Government, former 1st Sgt. John B. Barr has accepted an appointment as Warrant Officer, Junior Grade. We wish Mr. Barr much success in his new appointment.

Tech 5th Grade Gordon Dahlgren defeated Sgt. Alfred A. Baer, 2 and 1 in the semi-final round and Technician Third Grade John A. Harrell, 4 and 3 in the final round of the Letterman Handicap Golf Tournament to become post champion. M/Sgt. Thomas Ward was defeated by Harrel, 1 up on the 18th hole. Ward defeated Baer later 3 and 2 to win the consolation title.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

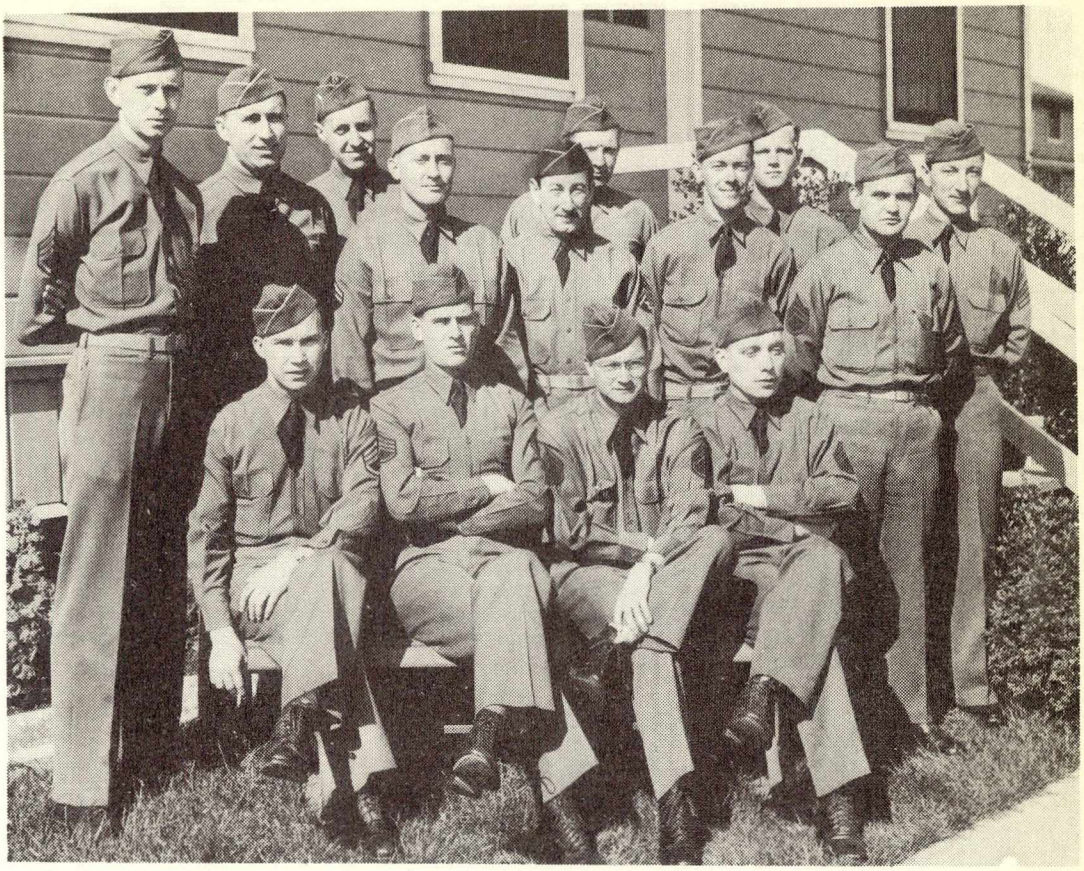
Pvt. Merrill V. Smart busy cutting the lawns in front of the Receiving Office and wondering if the five inch grass wouldn't make good fodder if dried and baled.

The following men all "measling" into Ward No. 5: Pvt. James L. Gleeson, Corp. Douglas Gab, Pvt. Kyle Smith, Sgt. Bert A. Selberg, Pvt. Jay Cayton, Pvt. Amos P. Skadsheim and Pvt. Lonnie Redus.

Sgt. George Edwards and Pvt. John James already patting themselves on the back because they are going to win the tennis tournament—and S/Sgt. Vandervort with other ideas about the same subject.

From the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Barkeley, Texas, forty-eight new men have come to swell the personnel roster at Letterman Hospital. They will be assigned duties at the hospital in accordance with their educational qualifications, and training received at Camp Barkeley. These men are: Lewis W. Anderson, Hayden D. Box, Lowell G. Buettner, Aubrey M. Clark, James R. Eastman, Charles G. Harshbarger, Hamlin A. Juedes, Arthur H. Milz, Bernhard H. Oltmann, Donald L. Pile, Benhard O. Priesmeyer, Henry D. Sanders, Edward H. Tonies, Walter E. Behrens, Wayne B. Bradley, Louie E. Dumbardner, Robert M. Cronin, William E. Fickison, Robert P. Haupt, LeRoy H. Kuhn, John L. Montano, Suard M. Pauley, Joseph G. Pinciaro, Ernest Punaro, Harold M. Torkelson, Roy W. Zeren, Charles F. Blain, Joseph A. Brandon, Edward S. Christopherson, Harold O. Despain, Clarence Hagen, Charles E. Johnson, Earnest J. Martin, Roy L. Napps, Charles W. Payton, Alfred W. Powell, Jr., Filert J. Quiroz, Teddy J. Smith, Clifton G. Borchard, Ralph A. Brand, Stephen M. DuBravcic, William H. Hargraves, Claudie R. Johnson, Robert C. Martin, Mid Neal, Frederick R. Perdue, Robert T. Reel. Clyde A. Taylor.

ENLISTED INSTRUCTORS OF THE SPEC. SERV. SCHOOLS



Left to right, seated: S/Sgt. William L. Walker, S/Sgt. Joseph E. Hodge, S/Sgt. Albert H. Kachner, S/Sgt. Wilber K. Selvey. Left to right, standing: S/Sgt. Jennings Lyon, Sgt. Frederick L. Essen, Sgt. Robert J. Ransom, Corp. Richard G. Herzog, Corp. Nathan Edelstein, Sgt. Clovis L. Walker, Sgt. Delmar E. Carlson, Sgt. Allen R. Crampton, S/Sgt. Howard B. Dow, Sgt. Walter P. Sambur.

Army Can Use 'Em

A few weeks back the Reception Center at Camp Wolters, Texas, got a pair of new enlistees—one used to train chimpanzees and the other was a lion tamer. Discovering this, one bright private observed: "Now those guys are born sergeants if ever there was one!"

Of the original 13 states New Hampshire was the only one not invaded by British forces during the Revolution.

Certificates for Gray Lady Grads

On Monday afternoon at three o'clock, in the Recreation Center, Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Commanding General, will present certificates to 15 Gray Lady volunteers who have completed the course in Hospital Service.

Mr. Frederick J. Koster, of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross, will preside as Chairman for the exercises and there will be vocal numbers by Miss De Havan as well as talks by Mrs. Axline and Mrs. Bartlett.

The patients and personnel of the hospital are cordially invited to be present at the ceremonies.

One company is already seven months ahead of its original schedule on tank production.

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EDITORIAL

CANTANKEROUS

is a good American word.

Otherwise you could use any of these substitutes: sour, crabby, grumpy, testy . . .

Personally, we think "cantankerous" hits the mark, smack in the middle.

Dyspepsia, lost love, insomnia, the high cost of living, slow promotion, a stubbed toe —anything and everything will set off a cantankerous cuss like a match to gunpowder. He is just yearning to explode in any direction—even the weather will serve. As Mark Twain said: "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." But your cantankerous individual creates the impression something ought to be done, and that it is a crying shame something isn't done.

At the risk of being pilloried in public for punning, we make the admission that TANKS CAN do things in this war, but there is no place on the program for the CANTANKEROUS.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MAY 23rd and 24th:

THE LITTLE FOXES—Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 26th and 27th:

NAZI AGENT—Conrad Veidt and Ann Ayars. Also Short Subjects.

MAY 28th and 29th:

MARTIN EDEN—Glenn Ford and Claire Trevor. Also Short Subjects.

Camels were used as pack animals in 1857 when Edward F. Beale marked out the first wagon road from Fort Defiance to Colorado.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A large crayon portrait of Master Sergeant **Thomas C. Ward** filling lots of space on the front page of the Chronicle Sporting Green on Monday morning last.

The new executive of the Surgical Service, Capt. **Dewitt Dominic**, getting the feel of his new job.

A profusion of MDRP officers and what a project to remember all the names.

Noel Durbin beaming all over in anticipation of a furlough next month when he plans a visit to Illinois.

All the new chevrons on some of the older arms and congratulations to all the promoted men.

Major **"Brick" Muller** running interference for a party of patients on their way to somewhere else.

A quiet "aloha" to Lieut. **Maurice R. Brice** as he left for a new station in the southland. It was in keeping with his way of doing things and he did everything well.

One of the volunteer Gray Ladies —hitherto a Miss to all—admitting a recent change in her social status but further deponent sayeth not.

The Army Retiring Board still doing business at the old stand although it is not true that over the door of the board room is the sign "Leave hope behind all ye who enter here."



To Major and Mrs. Harold I. Amory, M. C., Letterman Hospital, California, a son, George Franklin, born May 14th, 1942, weight seven pounds, fifteen ounces.

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To Captain and Mrs. Charles G. Hiatt, Fort Mason, California, a son, Michael Lewis, born May 15th, 1942, weight three pounds, fifteen ounces.

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To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Orid Rose, Foreign Service, a son, Victor, born May 17th, 1942, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

A N C

The long period of silence emanating from Gardner Field is explained by the marriage on April 24th of Chief Nurse **Virginia M. Severyn** to **Captain Edward Colburn Klein**, Air



VIRGINIA SEVERYN KLEIN

Corps. Our congratulations to the groom and all good wishes to both the newlyweds.

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Comes to us now a rumor that Miss **Catherine Hayes** and Miss **Kate Haenisch** have likewise been taken for a boat ride. This form of pastime threatens to become increasingly popular.

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And it appears the same fate has overtaken Miss **Ellen R. Bauer**, for a long time on duty in the Dental Clinic as hygienist. Miss Bauer has been one of us so long that we will miss her at her old post.

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The invalids this week are Miss **Ruth J. Burby** and Miss **Lucille H. Newell**, and we hope they both will be back on duty real soon.

Miss **Frances Wagner** has emerged from the "B" Dressing Room to take her month of night duty on Ward C-1.

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Miss **Ann B. Bakalar** graciously declined another opportunity to be a bridesmaid this week. It was getting to be a steady job instead of an avocation.

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Just to dispel any doubts on the matter—**Miss Newton** has special permission to pick the flowers for her daily bouquet from the plants growing along the entrance walk to the Administration Building.

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And that is all for this week.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 24, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Memorial Services

On Memorial Day, May 30th (next Saturday), Memorial Services consisting of a solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral on Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street at 10 o'clock.

Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chaplain of World War I will be the celebrant of the Mass. A guard of honor consisting of representatives of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps will be at the Catafalque, and at the conclusion of the services taps will be sounded. A general invitation to the personnel of the armed forces to attend these services is extended by the Archbishop of San Francisco.

SHARPSHOOTERS WANTED

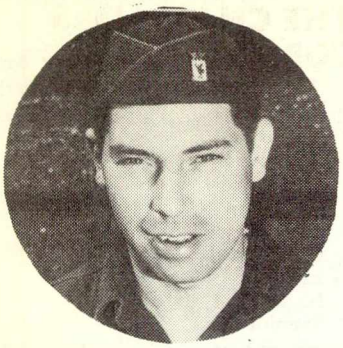
Many people have a disease known as ECONOMIC - NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS. They are not able even to imagine tomorrow's outcomes. What they need is glasses. The vision needs correction. Do you know that the Government provides glasses, such that you can see 10 years in advance? The name of these seeing instruments is the Government War Bonds. Put in your order now! You can be fitted perfectly. In a short time your eyes will be so corrected to the habit of saving and providing for the future that never again will you be willing to be "near-sighted" socially and economically.

To win the war Uncle Sam is calling for the new type Infantryman, the man who has eyes so good that he can hit the target 10 years away.

You are needed. Enlist now!

See Chaplain Shuder, Letterman War Bonds Officer.

ON THE SPOT



ERWIN A. FALKENBURG
Staff Sergeant, Air Corps

A crew chief in the Air Corps, Staff Sergeant Erwin A. Falkenburg is "on the spot" this week.

Falkenburg is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born January 22, 1914, and attended the public schools, graduating from Brooklyn Technical High School. He also attended a school of Mechanical Aeronautics for one year in Brooklyn, and rounded out his study with training in the Curtis Wright Aeronautical School.

When his basic schooling had been completed Sgt. Falkenburg turned his eyes in search of a job with some aircraft concern. He learned however that the depression included the air industry as well as everything else, and consequently he took cognizance of the Army recruiting bulletins as a possible means of putting those precious years of schooling into operation.

In 1934 he joined the Army at the recruiting station in Brooklyn and was sent to Allbrook Field, Panama. He completed his initial two years enlistment at that air base and then transferred to the Air Corps at Nicholls Field, Philippine Island.

In 1939, as an air mechanic, he was transferred back to this country, and helped in the forming of a new Flight group at Mitchell Field, New York. With this group he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands.

It was at Wheeler Field, while on duty in one of the hangars that Sgt. Falkenburg was wounded during the Japanese raid of December 7th. And for those wounds he now wears the Order of the Purple Heart. But medals do not right wrongs, and Falkenburg feels that the sooner he is able to get back to duty in any form the better off he will be, and the greater service he will be able to render his country.

"I have no kick coming for the treatment I have received here," said Sgt. Falkenburg, "It's been fine. But it is a shame that a man of my experience and knowledge of the mechanics of airplanes must cool his heels while there is so much he could do. Perhaps it won't be too long!"

MERCURY MINES MAKING MANY MEN MERE MILLIONAIRES

California is breaking records in the production of quicksivlver, or mercury. The state's 1941 output was the largest since 1904 and had the highest value during the 91 years in which state-wise statistics have been compiled. This year's yield will be as great, if not greater, according to State Mineralogist Walter W. Bradley.

Thus does California maintain its position as the number one quicksilver state, furnishing more than half of the total mined in the entire nation. Actually the credit belongs almost wholly to Northern and Central California, because sixteen of the eighteen counties producing the liquid metal are north of the Tehachapi and only two are in the southern section. There are approximately a hundred mines in operation and all but four or five of them are in the sixteen northerly counties.

Quicksilver, which is obtained from cinnabar rock by roasting the ore, and condensing the resultant vapor, has more than a thousand uses. Much of it goes into munitions—into fulminate of mercury caps, without which not a shot could be fired or a bomb detonated. It is necessary, too, for peacetime blasting. In gold mining it gathers the particles of the precious metal by amalgamation after milling operations. It is employed in the manufacture of hundreds of commodities, including medicines and ointments, dyes and paints, and in the processing of felt for hats and for linings of automobile bodies. Dentists require it for making amalgam fillings.

An outstanding contributor to California's leadership in the output of quicksilver is the historic New Almaden Mine in Santa Clara County. It is the oldest in the state, having been discovered in 1824. However, its original owners tried for many years to obtain mettalic silver from it and the production of quicksilver did not begin until 1846. For the next 80 years it was operated steadily and extensively, but in 1926 it was closed down. It was reopened in 1940 and now is working new ore bodies and re-working old dumps. In the matter of total yield it ranks first in the United States and fourth in the world, with a record to date of 1,043,500 76-pound flasks (79,306,000 pounds). The value of is output approximates $75,000,000, about $15,000,000 more than that of the state's richest gold mine.

The present largest produced is the New Idria Mine in San Benito County, which also has a long and interesting history. It was discovered in 1852 by a Mexican prospector, who was slain soon afterwards. During the next year there was such a wild scramble for it that Bret Harte wrote the details into his "Story of a Mine." Operations began in 1854 and have continued steadily ever since, although the ownership has changed several times.

A recent important addition to the California list is the Panoche Mine, also in San Benito County. It was discovered by three prospectors in December, 1939, and consists of a large deposit containing meta-cinnabar (black sulphide of mercury). This is a very rare type of quicksilver ore, which accounts for the fact that it was overlooked for so many years.

Operations at the Panoche are simple. Meta-cinnabar comes from the mine in small cars, is crushed by electrically-driven machinery and carried on an electrical conveyor to a large bin in the mill. From this bin a continuous stream of ore is automatically fed into a rotary furnace 64 feet long and 4 feet in diameter, which is slowly rotated by an electric motor and heated to 1200 degrees Fahrenheit by an 18-foot flame of natural gas.

As the ore passes slowly through the rotary furnace—the trip takes about an hour—the heat draws out the quicksilver and vaporizes it. The vapor is removed by a suction fan and blown into two sets of condenser pipes—12 to a set and each pipe 26 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter. Passing through these pipes, the vapor gradually cools into small beads of quicksilver, which drop to the bottom. On removal from the condensers, the quicksilver is cleaned and poured into flasks for shipment.

Approximately a third of Arizona's population are Indians and Mexicans. Of Indians, the state has 15 tribes, living on 17 reservations.

BUCK OF THE WEEK

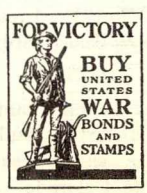


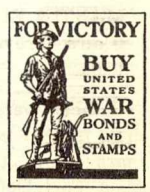
HARONLD LANG
Private Medical Detachment

Private Harold Lang, though born in Oakland, California, has lived many years in the Northwestern states of Oregon and Montana, and considers Kalispel, Montana, a mining and lumbering town, home. His education was obtained in Salem Oregon, until his high school years, which he spent in Kalispel. Life on a ranch near Kalispel filled Lang's life for a few years, but, "Ranching was not for me," says Lang, "and I went to Kalispel to work as medical attendant in the hospital." The eight years prior to his enlisting in the Army at Spokane, Washington, in 1939, were spent by Lang working in hospitals.

Fort George Wright was Pvt. Lang's post for a year and a half, and as an attendant in the Station Hospital he was appointed Private First Class. He felt that the advantages in a General Hospital would be greater, and applied for a transfer which became effective nine months ago.

Though very quiet, Pvt. Lang works hard and is conscientious in his efforts. He hopes to get into X-ray eventually, and to combine X-ray with transport service would be a realization of two pleasurable pursuits — photography and travel. He spends spare time perfecting his camera technique in "Picture Traveling," and has a nice collection of pictures of all types as evidence of his ability in this work. Lang claims that almost anything, animate or inanimate can be good picture material.





LGH Softball Team Wins First Round In Service League

The Letterman softball team ended the first round of the Service League schedule at the top of the heap when the pill rollers downed he Fourth Army Brass Hats on Thursday evening of last week. The score was 9 to 3 in favor of Letterman.

Carroll on the mound for Letterman was in excellent form and allowed but three hits while striking out 12 of the 25 men who faced him during the game. Sharing honors with the star pitcher was Carlson, the left fielder, who connected for the only home run of the evening and sent two runners in ahead of him.

The game was an even tussle until the fifth inning when Padgett, Fourth Army twirler, weakened, and then three doubles, a single and two walks all added up to six runs. With the game on ice Letterman just coasted until the end.

A new scheduled has been arranged for the second half of the Service League series by which the winner of the first half will play the winner of the second half for the service championship.

The box score follows:

LETTERMAN	AB	H	R
DeMello, c	4	2	0
Giovanetti, 3b	3	2	2
Morey, sf	4	2	1
Haverty, 1b	3	1	2
Craig, 2b	4	2	1
Dotseth, rf	4	1	0
Muenchow, ss	3	0	1
Evans, cf	3	1	1
Carlson, lf	4	1	1
Carroll, p	2	0	0
	34	12	9

FOURTH ARMY	AB	H	R
Celmo, 3b	3	1	1
John, ss	3	0	0
Waller, 1b	2	1	1
Caudle, 2b	3	0	1
Bogdin, sf	2	1	0
Taylor, c	3	0	0
Shallenberger, cf	2	0	0
Padget, p	3	0	0
Irwin, rf	2	0	0
Drisco, cf	2	0	0
	25	3	3

	123	456	7
Letterman	030	060	0
Fourth Army	100	200	0

Serve in Silence

SERGEANT STRICKLAND—DOCTOR OF LETTERS—HERE A LONG TIME



Staff Sergeant JAMES C. STRICKLAND
Who has been in charge of the branch post office at the Letterman General Hospital for the past 22 years.

A hospital is the last place in the world where one would expect to find a job which comes very near to generating a perennial headache, but it seems that Staff Sergeant Strickland has always an excuse to reach for the aspirin.

He is the non-commissioned Officer in Charge of the post office which serves the patients and personnel of Letterman Hospital, and come July 1st he will complete 22 years at the same duty. Strickland enlisted April 10, 1914, and came to Letterman five years later, where he has been ever since.

With the expansion of the Army it was only natural that the hospital population would increase, and likewise, so far as Strickland was concerned, only too true that the volume of mail and postal affairs handled by his office should just about treble. The office is open every day in the year for the sale of stamps, war stamps, money orders and a general postal business. During the first half of the month approximately $25,000 worth of money orders go over the counter, and even with the "free" postage now in effect, close to $1,000 worth of stamps are sold by Sergeant Strickland and his staff.

Having been so long on one duty, it is quite natural that Strickland has gotten into some sort of a groove, by which he does the same thing at the same time every day. And this propensity of his has been developed to a certain extent by his pet Cairn Terrier, Trixie, who always comes to the post office on Saturday mornings. No one yet has been able to figure out how Trixie knows when Saturday rolls around, but only on that one morning of the week does she file her application to go along to work with her master.

The constant turnover of patients in a hospital of this size brings a corresponding increase of work to the post office force, by reason of the necessity of forwarding mail for patients who have returned to their organizations, or gone home, or just gone. Every letter must be personally checked, and there is no likelihood, or even possibility that Strickland or his staff could learn the names of the people to whom they deliver mail, much in the same fashion as the carrier of the City post office. There is entirely too much movement of personnel to permit the Postmaster to learn them all.

Sergeant Strickland is assisted by Corporal John B. Ryan, Pvt. First Class Chester J. White, and Pvt. William W. Wessel. The Staff has for its motto, so far as the mail is concerned, "Keep it Moving."

TO THE JEWISH MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

Shabuoth will be celebrated from May 21 to May 23, inclusive, at the following Temples in San Francisco:

REFORM:

Emanu-El—Lake and Arguello
Irving Reichert, Rabbi

May 22—10:15 a. m.
May 22— 5:30 p. m.
May 23—10:15 a. m.

Sherith Israel—2240 California
Morris Goldstein, Rabbi

May 22—10:15 a. m.
May 22— 5:30 p. m.
May 23— 9:30 a. m.

CONSERVATIVE:

Beth Sholum—301 14th Ave.
Saul E. White, Rabbi

May 21— 8:00 p. m.
May 22— 9:00 a. m.
May 22— 7:00 p. m.
May 23—10:30 a. m.

Beth Israel—1839 Geary St.
E. M. Burstein, Rabbi

May 22— 9:00 a. m.
May 22— 6:00 p. m.
May 23— 9:00 a. m.

ORTHODOX:

Cong. Anshey Sfard—1040 Golden Gate

May 21— 8:00 p. m.
May 22— 8:30 a. m.
May 22— 7:30 p. m.
May 23—8:30 a. m.

Cong. Kennesseth Israel—935 Webster St.

May 21— 7:30 p. m.
May 22— 8:30 a. m.
May 22— 7:30 p. m.
May 23— 8:30 a. m.

GUESS AGAIN

Quiz games are all right, but there is not much place for them in the serious business of training aviators for Uncle Sam. So thinks Major Thomas Wildes, of the Army Flying School at Lubbeck, Texas—although he'd rather forget the whole idea. The other day he picked up the radiophone mike in the control tower at the field and asked the name of a cadet leading a formation overhead. "Guess," came the reply. The major was plenty hot — until he learned he was really talking to Aviation Cadet Roy Guess!

Settled Their Hash

As the result of a vote of the Associated Students of Mills College, (California), it was agreed that meat be taken from the menu on Tuesday nights, and that the money de-



rived from the substitution of a less expensive dish be given to the American Red Cross.

The other day Headquarters received a check for $80 from Miss Caroline Rowcliffe, Chairman of the Chapel Committee at Mills. She said: "It has always been our policy to cooperate as fully as possible with the Red Cross. We hope we can be of further help in this present emergency."

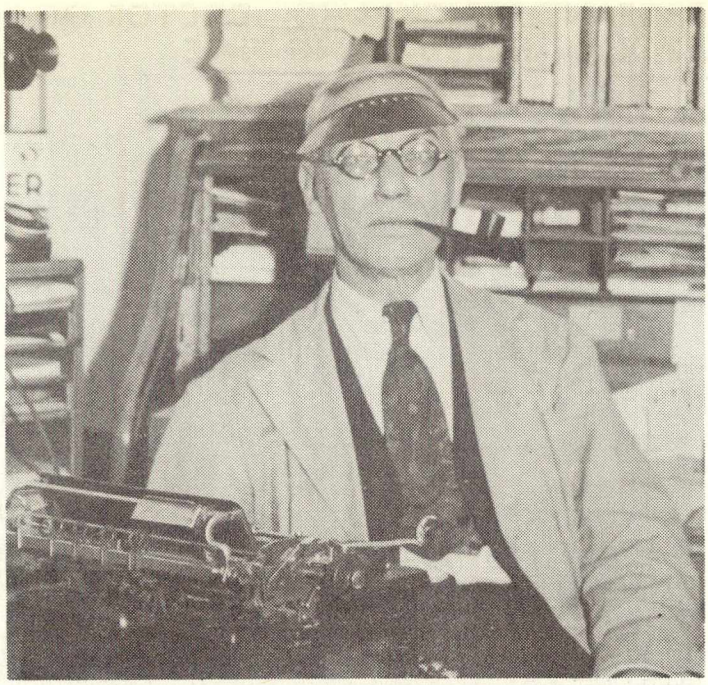
LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A barber named Archibald Weedum
Said—"Here, Uncle Sam, if you need 'em,
Are all of my savings
From hair cuts and shavings
I'm buying Bonds and Stamps for freedom."



Trim a few dollars off increased earnings to help your country. Buy a U. S. Savings Bond every pay day.



Mr. ERNEST W. JAKOBS
Principal clerk for the Transportation branch of the Quartermaster's Office, who passed a quarter of century of service on Tuesday of last week, all of it in the same office, and his friends helped in a quiet celebration of the occasion. Then "Jake" went back to work—he had a convoy to ship out.

THESE IMPORTANT PAPERS SHOULD BE IN EVERY PERSONAL FILE

Every service man should secure the papers listed below and place them in a deposit box in a bank or other safe place to which his wife or other dependents have access. These papers may all be needed in case it does become necessary to file claims for Government pension, National Service Life Insurance benefits, and other Government dependents' allowances or for commercial insurance benefits.

a. Three (3) copies of official record of birth of wife.

b. One (1) copy of official record of marriage of the service man and his wife.

c. One (1) copy of official proof of termination of any previous marriage of either service man or wife.

d. One (1) copy of official record of birth of service man.

e. One (1) copy of official record of birth of each dependent child.

f. Last Will and Testament.

g. Power of Attorney.

An explanation of use of documents:

a. In pension cases one of the proofs of birth of the wife is necessary because in most cases the rate of pension is fixed by the age of the wife. Another record of birth will be needed if the wife desires an annuity settlement of life insurance policies. One copy can be used for several companies if necessary.

The third birth record should be kept by the wife for identification purposes to secure passports and the like.

b. The copy of official record of marriage is needed if the wife applies for pension, to prove her marital status.

c. Proof of termination of any prior marriage is necessary for pension purposes. If the prior spouse died, an official copy of death certificate should be furnished. If such cannot be obtained, other proof such as a record of burial can usually be furnished instead. In case of termination of a prior marriage by court action a copy of the decree of divorce or annulment should be furnished.

d. A copy of the birth certificate of the service man is required only where there are dependent parents applying for a pension. Parents who are not dependent at the time of the service man's death but who later lack means of self support are both pensionable.

e. Official record of birth of each minor child (or of a dependent disabled grown child who was disabled in childhood) is necessary for pension purposes.

f. Whether the service man has an estate or not, his family or dependents should be protected by the making of a will to meet possible eventualities.

g. A Power of Attorney can often be helpful to a wife or other mature relative or friend who can be entrusted with the service man's personal and business interest during his absence.

In securing all of these papers make sure that each one is legal!

OFFICERS

LEFT STATION

Lt. Col. Raymond O. Dart, M. C.
Captain Meyer Schindler, M. C.
2nd Lt. Maurice R. Brice, QMC

JOINED STATION

Lt. Col. Campbell H. Glascock, D. C.
Major Harry W. Martin, M. C.
Major Edwin Bennett, M. C.
Captain George T. Aitken, M. C.
Captain Benjamin W. Lafene, M. C.
Captain Kenneth V. Francis, M. C.
1st Lieut. Benjamin E. Tuch, M. C.
1st Lieut. Ivan N. Dickey, M. C.
1st Lieut. James Oswalt, M. C.
1st Lieut. Edward S. Ross, M. C.
1st Lieut. James Forsythe, M. C.
1st Lieut. Joseph De Haro, M. C.
1st Lieut. Guy Slaughter, M. C.
1st Lieut. Allan L. Haynes, M. C.
1st Lieut. Seymour Goldgraben, M. C.
1st Lieut. Leonard Katz, M. C.
1st Lieut. Charles E. Muhleman, M. C.
1st Lieut. Milton M. Schindler, M. C.
1st Lieut. John H. Murdock, M. C.
1st Lieut. Albert J. Gantz, M. C.
1st Lieut. Joseph A. Vitelli, M. C.
1st Lieut. Emil T. Keller, M. C.
1st Lieut. William L. Porter, M. C.

PROMOTED

Captain Peter Manjos, M. C., to Major.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Two new men were annexed to the Schools' personnel early this week. They were Privates Jack Halliwell and Edwin Lanceit. Halliwell, who worked with Lt. Rex P. Clayton of Letterman General Hospital, will be instructor of the Pharmacy School; Lanceit will help out with the duties of supply.

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The surroundings of the Schools are taking on quite a different aspect already since students have been put on the job of "policing-up." They have hoed the grounds and are watering the lawns daily, and although this spring work has not been going on for long, there is quite an improvement already.

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Captain Peter Manjos, instructor of the Laboratory School, was notified this week that he has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Army of the United States.

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It seems impossible, but it's true. There is not even one student on detached service now!

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1st Sergeant Charles R. Reuther has been sick in quarters for the past few days. Everyone hopes he will return to his job soon.

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Word was received this week from Candidate Allen E. Greendale, who is attending Officers' School at Edgewater Arsenal, Maryland, stating that the school is swell, but they sure get plenty of work and studies.

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Staff Sergeant Jennings Lyon, enlisted instructor of the Surgical School, was the proud papa of a nine-pound baby girl last week. Sergeant Lyon had hoped that it would be a boy, and even went so far as betting money it would be, but since it wasn't, he doesn't feel so bad about it after all. He was seen passing cigars and candy boxes around.

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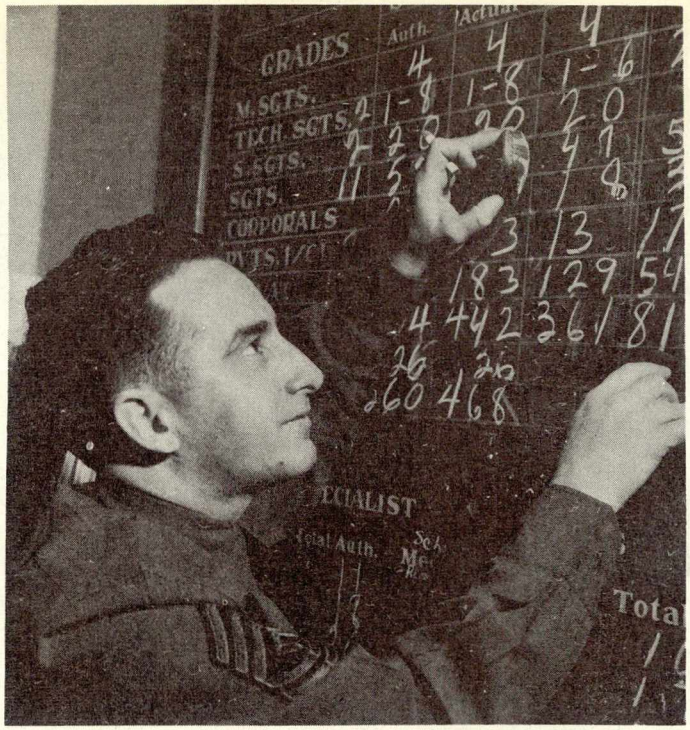
Major Wilson T. Smith and Lieutenant Benjamin T. Kingwell are back from detached service after a few days absence from their respective places of duty.

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Two public address systems have been procured through the school supply and will be used for training purposes mainly. Another use for them will be to help out with demonstrations to large classes of students, especially out-door groups.

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Chaplain Harry A. Shuder, of Letterman General Hospital, has been busy last week and part of this one lecturing on the sale of War Savings Bonds. He has lectured to all the students of the schools and has done a marvelous job in the sale of Bonds. Nearly everyone in the Schools has allotted at least a certain percentage of his monthly income.



Mr. JOHN B. BARR
Formerly 1st Sergeant of the Medical Detachment, who was appointed Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, to rank from May 15th.

Travel to Alaska Now Limited

The increasing number of applications of private citizens, many of them dependents of persons in military service or employed on military projects, for permission to travel to Alaska has necessitated a statement of policy on the transportation of civilians to the Territory.

The Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District and the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, are discouraging travel of all women and children to Alaska, especially southwestern and western Alaska, because of the excessive shortage of passenger transportation facilities, the very definite hazard involved, and because subsistence of Alaska is proving increasingly difficult. The nature of the military situation has required, and will continue to require use of all available space in vessels operating between continental United States ports and the Territory of Alaska.

The War Department and the Navy Department have issued orders prohibiting wives and dependents of military personnel, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and of civilian workers employed on military projects from returning to Alaska. Permission to return to Alaska has been granted to a few persons who were actual bona fide long-time residents of Alaska. This will be continued as the single exception to the policy of the Army and the Navy in discouraging travel of all dependents to Alaska.

Production of one type of long-range bomber has been doubled since the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.



Have You Heard!

Said a mother to her naughty son: "I just wish your father were home to see how you behave when he's out."

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"Has your baby learned to talk yet?'

"I'll say. Now we're teaching him to keep quiet."

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"I never take trouble home from the office."

"I don't have to. Mine is always waiting for me."

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"So you claim to have a perfect memory!"

"Yes. I can't remember ever forgetting anything."

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Freshman—"What kind of oil do you use in your car?"

Sophomore—"Oh, I usually begin by telling them I'm lonely."

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I've never seen a purple cow
And never hope to see one.
But judging from the milk we get,
I'm sure that there must be one.

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Dressmaker—"I consider this the most perfect fit I've ever seen."

Customer—"Well, you should see the fit my husband will have when he gets the bill."

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He—"Darling, I have lost all my money. I haven't a penny in the world."

She—"Well, I'll love you just as much — even if I never see you again."

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A clergyman called at the home of one of the parrishioners on Sunday afternoon and Junior went to the door.

"Paw isn't home," he said. "He went over to the golf club."

Then noting the shocked expression on the pastor's face, he added: "He isn't playing golf. He just went over for a few highballs and a little stud poker."

THE FOG HORN

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Graduated Gray Ladies Now Ready For Ward Duties

The second graduation of Gray Ladies who have completed the course prescribed for membership in that organization took place on Monday afternoon in the Recreation Center, when 28 members of the class were given certificates by Colonel Clemens W. McMillan, representing Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, Commanding General of the hospital.

Mr. Frederick J. Koster, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross, was present, and Mrs. Mabel Axline, Director of Volunteer Services, Pacific Area, addressed the group.

The organization known as the Gray Ladies had its inception back in the days of World War I, when the ladies were organized to help provide recreation for patients in Army and Navy hospitals. Their work is voluntary, under the supervision of the American Red Cross. The certificates are granted after a training course in hospital regulations and methods of entertaining the patients. The following ladies received their certificates at the ceremonies on Monday afternoon:

Mesdames Gertrude Ash, Vera Alt, Marian Anker, Hazel Brandreth, Margaret Brookes, Margaret Burmister, Esta Caruthers, Ruby Colton, Flora Conner, Andrea de Silva, Camilla Gevin, Elsie Holman, Mollie Harris, Aline Hyams, Helen Kahn, Irene Klinger, Mary Kingsbury, Nancy Linde, Marjorie Lionvale, Margaret Loper, Abbie Lundborg, Billie Nelson, Beverly Slocumb, Zella Troyer, Karin Taylor, Coralie White, Anna White, Rosalie Weinberger.



Major JOHN D. FOLEY, M. A. C.

For the past five years on duty here as Detachment Commander and later Adjutant of the command, has gone to another station.

Three LGH Noncoms Commissioned as Lieuts. in MAC

Discharged for the convenience of the Government, three enlisted members of this command, Master Sergeants James C. Vaughn, and Thomas C. Ward, and Technical Sergeant Freeborn P. Holcomb were appointed Commissioned Officers in the Medical Administrative Corps during the week.

Ist Lieutenant Vaughn was noncommissioned officer in charge of Hospital Police and Personnel at the time of his appointment. His first tour of duty after enlisting at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1925 was here at Letterman where he, remained until his transfer in 1928 to the Army Transport Service, Brooklyn, N. Y. He remained six years on the east coast before returning to Letterman in 1934. He has been on duty in the Police and Personnel Section of the hospital the entire time since his return, and the last four years have found him in charge of the section.

Lieut. Vaughn's discharge was effective May 29, and he has been ordered to report to Palm Springs, California, for immediate assignment to duty.

2nd Lieutenant Ward has also served many years at this post. Noncommissioned officer in charge of the Hospital Mess at the time of his appointment, he began his Army career at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, in 1928. He was assigned to the 11th Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey and served at that post for nearly a year before coming to Letterman. A two-year foreign duty tour was served at Fort Mills in the Philippines between 1932 and 1934 and then he was transferred back to Letterman where he

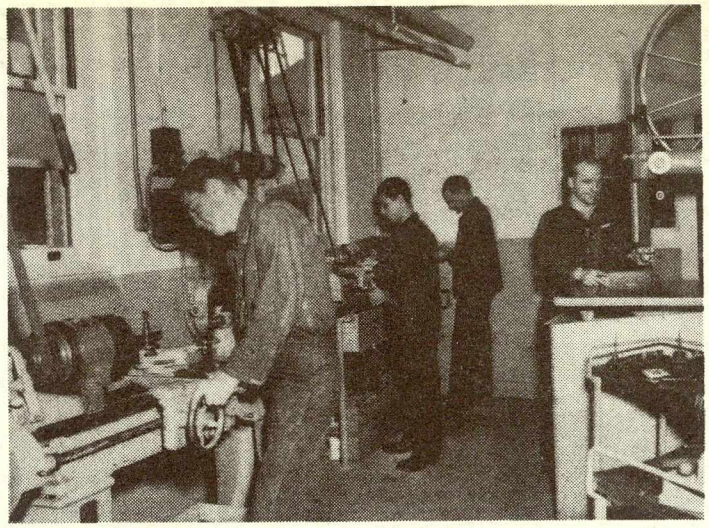
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ORTHOPEDIC SHOP HAS LONG RECORD OF USEFUL SERVICE

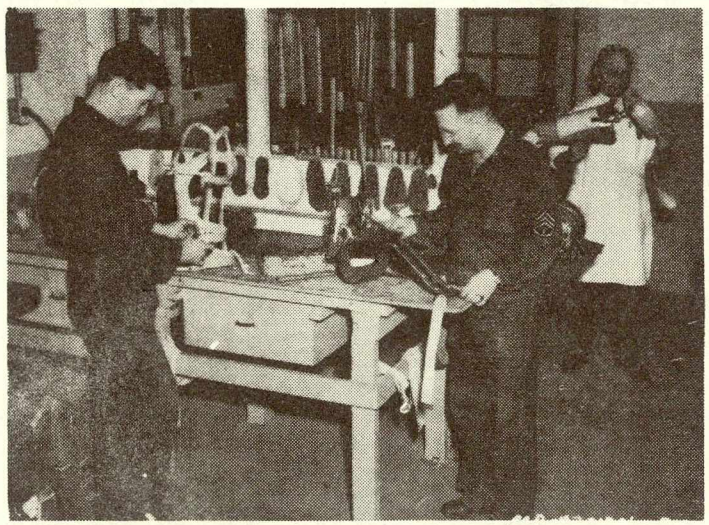
Of singular importance to the Orthopedic Surgery Service of Letterman Hospital is the Orthopedic Shop. Situated at the rear of the hospital and under the Therapy wards, this shop has been the primary restoration point for many hundreds of patients in physical rehabilitation. It is this shop which has fitted and furnished patients with artificial limbs and external corrective physical appliances that those patients might insert themselves once again into the normal stream of society.

The Orthopedic Shop is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Chief of Orthopedic Section, Lt. Col. Oril S. Harbaugh. He must see to it that the needs of the workmen in the shop are adequately supplied, and that the work from the shop fulfills the exacting requirements of each individual patient. And there are never two patients with the same problems to be solved. But as far as the actual work produced in the shop is concerned, to Mr. Joseph Marea, civilian head of the shop, his three enlisted assistants, Technician Third Grade Jack A. Anderson and Technicians Fourth Grade Andrew J. Campbell and Carlton Fillauer, and the four students, Privates Douglas F. Haefner, William A. Clark, Theodore L. Kruzel and Aldin Cook, all credit is due. Quoting Lt. Col. Harbaugh, "The efficiency and workmanship of the shop under Mr. Marea is a real credit to this hospital and orthopedics in general. I have never seen a better equipped shop in the Army, and believe it stacks up with anything in the country."

June 11th marks the 24th anniversary of the Orthopedic Shop at Letterman, and the nearly quarter-century growth of the shop has been steady and has proven adequate in meeting all demands made of it. The shop was established by Major Robert L. Hull when he reported to Letterman to establish a separate Orthopedic service. It was equipped with a few simple wood and metal working tools and installed in a small shed in back of the hospital buildings. By November, 1918, it had outgrown its quarters and was moved to a concrete ward. The services of Mr. Marea, expert leg maker, were secured and the fitting of temporary legs begun. From this small beginning the shop has expanded to its present size.



VIEW OF MACHINERY IN ORTHOPEDIC SHOP—Left to right: Technician Fourth Grade Andrew J. Campbell, Private Douglas L. Haefner, Private William L. Clark, and Private Theodore L. Kruzel.



WORK BENCH IN ORTHOPEDIC SHOP—Left to right: Technician Fourth Grade Andrew J. Campbell, Technician Third Grade Jack A. Anderson, and Mr. Joseph Marea.

The shop has turned out as many as 20 permanent artificial limbs and about twice as many temporary limbs, 100 braces, splints and other appliances and numerous repair pobs, shoe corrections and adjustments during a month. And the cash value of the material has represented several thousands of dollars.

In December, 1918, a new leg—the Letterman Leg—was completed by Mr. Marea under Major L. Eloesser. This leg is accurately fitted to each case, the socket being made over a plaster of paris cast which is taken of each individual stump. The leg for below the knee amputations is fitted not only to the stump, but to the thigh, so that it stays firm on the stump and does not tend to drop away when the wearer's foot is off the ground. The ankle joint is hollow and packed with grease like the bolts of an automobile, and by turning a screw the joint can be kept lubricated. Few changes have been necessary in the improvement of this leg.

Besides artificial limbs the shop manufactures all kinds of appliances for the correction and support of deformed and weak limbs; braces to prevent weak bones from bending before they are firmly knit; splints and frames for bed patients; plates for weak, deformed or wounded feet, as well as shoe correction; appliances to be attached to beds for treatment of fractures, belts, and back braces.

Mr. Marea, known by all as "Joe," came to Letterman well recommended to handle the work in the shop. He was employed by nearly every artificial limb manufacturing concern in San Francisco of any size during his eight-year course of instruction. He is not just a "one field" man in his business, but is an expert in every line of artificial appliances. And the respect shown him by the officers of the Orthopedic Service is ample proof of his excellent workmanship, not to speak of the many, many patients who have been able to face the world again because of the job "Joe" has done.

Technician Third Grade Anderson, non-commissioned officer in charge of the shop, has served his apprenticeship faithfully under Joe's tutelage. In addition, he attended the Orthopedic School at Walter Reed General Hospital and is well prepared for the work he does.

Technicians Fourth Grade Campbell and Fillauer are the other NCO's in the shop. It has been nearly a year since they went to work in the shop, and the energy and skill at their work has earned them the grade of Sergeant Technicians.

Every 12 weeks from three to five new students are assigned to the Orthopedic Shop for detailed instruction in one line or another of the work. Pvts. Haefner, Clark, Kruzel and Cook will complete the necessary 12 weeks instruction during the first part of June and be returned to their respective stations for duty.

According to reliable estimates, capacity of the steel industry by the end of this year will be approximately 92,000,000 tons. By the end of next year it will be 98,000,000 tons.

The army is trying out reddish-colored tomato bread, which is made by adding powdered milk and tomato juice or canned tomatoes to the bread dough.

A MOTHER'S LETTER STILL GOOD READING AFTER ALMOST HALF CENTURY

Editors note: The letter printed below has a message that should appeal to the young men of today who are contemplating matrimony. There has been a great increase in the number of marriages directly traceable to the current war and a bit of reflection before taking the matrimonial leap may help preserve some sense of balance in the younger generation. Every young man will be better for having read what a mother wrote nearly fifty years ago.

September 3, 1893

My dear Son:

The photo and your letter were received yesterday. I was somewhat surprised at the announcement you made and some times I think that most of it was made in so ludicrous a manner perhaps it is all a huge joke, you are trying to play off on me.

But, if it be really true, I wish you Godspeed and pray that the momentous step may be one which will crown your whole life with blessing and happiness. You know I have always regarded marriage as that point in man's and woman's life which decides their destiny for weal or woe. If young people could fully realize this, what a subject of prayerful thought they would make it. There would then be fewer risks of the matrimonial bark than are witnessed every day.

Congeniality of tastes and expressions, willingness to bear and forbear, patience under petty trials, consideration for each other's feelings, kind words and manner, as perfect politeness after as before marriage, care and attention in sickness or trouble, and above all entire confidence in the trust, integrity and prudence of each other are some of the requisites to a happy marriage.

The fascinations of youth and beauty fail sooner or later with us all. It is only when the virtues of a noble life enlist our love and confidence that it is as enduring as it is strong. It has always been my prayer since my children have reached maturity that they might never make a mistake (if they should marry) in the choice of a companion.

As to your financial condition, I will say nothing now, as I have often warned every one of you to be prudent enough to accumulate a sufficiency to maintain a wife in as respectable style as she had been accustomed to, before assuming the responsibility, or it would be humiliating to you if you really loved the woman you marry, for any noble man would glory in placing his wife in a more exalted position than she had held before marriage.

One thing I do beg you is to let her know your financial condition truly and honestly, for she will respect you more than to feel disappointed after. Many persons think it is all right to play their part well until the prize is won and then they may, with impunity, expose the false basis on which it was played. But, rest assured sooner or later, they reap what they have sown.

If you regard the woman you have won as such a jewel, prove yourself worthy of such and you will always retain her love and respect. Be what you would think any other man should be to such a woman and never think because you can you will take advantage of her love for you to trample on her feelings or refuse her your best and most loving attentions. You know I have always said: **"A son should love his mother above all things before marriage but afterwards, his wife should always be first in his affections, his attentions and his providence."** Now I am brought to the test and I say so still. I have been both a wife and mother.

While there is no love that can exceed a mother's, yet it is natural for her to love her child. He is a part of herself, brought into the world through her own suffering, nourished from her own body, a partaker of her every thought and feeling, so how can she help but love him?

But a truly noble, virtuous woman who leaves her home, family, friends, and who gives herself to one she loves sufficiently to follow anywhere, share his lot for weal or woe, is making a sacrifice which a man can never understand, nor for which he can never be loving or grateful enough. Our bible says: "A man should love his wife even as Christ loved the Church." How was that? He gave himself for it.

I hope you will never use in your wife's presence any language you would not willingly let her hear from any other person. For, you should guard a wife's modesty or sensitiveness as her husband. Now should you say or do anything out of her presence wilfully that you would think would lower you in her esteem and respect. You can show your affection in no surer way than by trying always to do that which is worthy of a pure minded life. If so, I feel it may be in answer to my prayers all these years you have been away from me, that I had tried in your childhood to impress you with the right sense of duty to God and your fellow man and should you go out in the world, God would raise up for your friends who would influence you for good and restrain you from evil.

Of course, you know too well I will be glad to have you both Christmas or any other time. My hearth and home are ever welcome to my children. Well, in your intoxication of happiness, you failed to give me any particulars of your loved one, not even her name. Only asked if Ethel wasn't pretty? Is she the little Episcopalian you spoke of some time ago? What is her height, weight, style of beauty, etc? The photo is quite pretty but you know they give so little idea of color of hair, eyes, complexion, etc. Are her parents living? Are there sisters and brothers? Write me all particulars. Anything concerning you both deeply interests me. I am returning this photo as you requested, but would like you to send me the other one here to keep until you come and be sure to send the one of yourself too that you have promised so long. I want to see how the pair will compare.

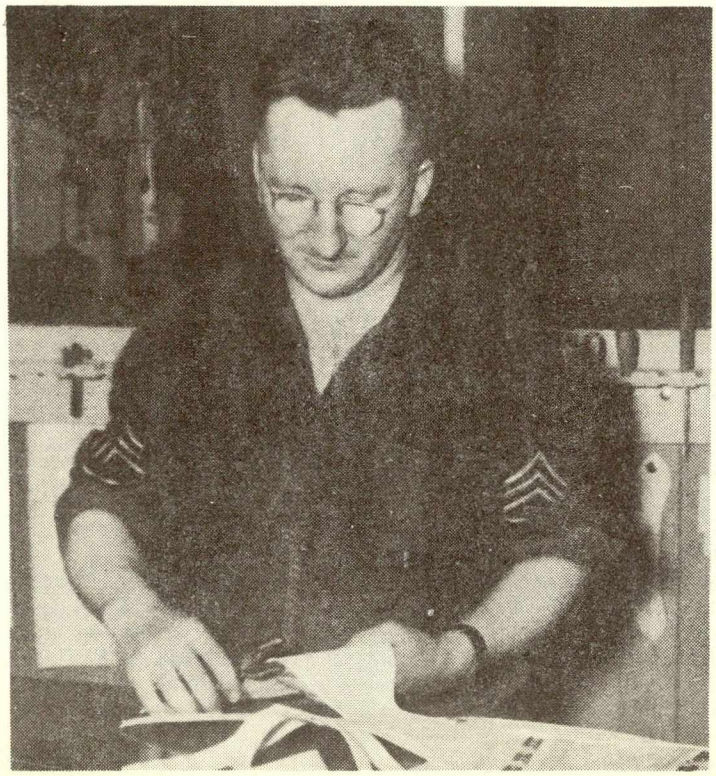
I hope the trust from this hour, you may be honest, industrious, economical, brave, noble and refined, a Christian gentleman in every way worthy of such a woman as you seem to esteem Ethel and may she be all I would have my first born son's wife to be is my earnest heartfelt prayer.

Not supposing other items or persons of interest to you just now, I will not burden you with a longer letter. Hope you will write very soon a long, cool, deliberate letter full of all that lies nearest to you and yours. Much love for your intended if you feel disposed to deliver it. All are as well as usual. The children commence school next week.

Looking for a long letter and those photographs at an early date, I am, as ever before,

Your devoted Mama.

May God bless you both.



Technician Third Grade JACK A. ANDERSON
Working on Lumbar Sacro belt in Orthopedic Shop.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BLONDE OR BRUNETTE

Some psychologists say blondes have a tendency to night-blindness and also that despite their carefree exteriors their suicide rate is higher than amongst brunettes. But don't let her hair ever worry you. Look at her soul. That's the source of real joy. Don't be misled by a grinning supercharged Hollywood exterior. If her soul is at real peace and she is sure of herself—and of you, she won't commit suicide.

Brunettes have to powder their noise more, 'tis said, and have by actual count 1/3 fewer hairs than blondes although their hair is stronger, hence will stand much more hair-pulling than blonde or red heads, without coming out in a hair-pulling bout. The blonde has a harder time choosing clothes that won't clash, hence the brunette may become more careless.

But finally they say blondes and brunettes are on a par as far as temperament, and moods, character, and fidelity are concerned so you're right back where you started. Hence, pick your wife for the color of her soul. That determines her actions and reactions; good and bad actions.

The kind of world for which the American people and their government stand is a world of international decency and justice, in which men and women will be free to worship, free to think and speak, free from fear. That is the only kind of world in which permanent peace can be established.

Sumner Welles
Under Secretary of State

THE OBSERVER SAW

Former Master Sergeant **James C. Vaughan** promoted to 1st Lieut. in the Medical Corps and given the title of "Doctor" in the first communication addressed to him in his new rank.

Major "Gerry" Biskind quarantined with the measles and having a microscope or two as playtoys in his room.

Miss "Pat" Sutherland enjoying her daily "buggyride" from Ward G over to the Dental Clinic.

Lieut. and Mrs. Peter Bonano trying to act as though they are not newlyweds.

Towering Ed Allen walking around as proof of his survival from the recent operation.

Lieut. Louis F. Arnone denying the allegation that he was originally commissioned as a permanent first lieutenant.

Miss Rosaleen V. Kelly, Irish and yet not superstitious, taking up where her associate left off and acting twice in one week as the bridesmaid at a wedding.

Captain **Horace J. Caterer** making a very auspicious beginning as he assumes command of the Detachment of Patients.

Lots of people buying bonds at the Bond Office in room 204.

RETIREMENT

The many friends of Chaplain William J. Ryan, formerly stationed at this hospital and more recently Chaplain of the 4th Army, will be interested to know that he passes to the retired list on May 31 by operation of law, having reached his 64th birthday during this month.

Chaplain Ryan is at present visiting relatives in Tucson and has made no plans for the immediate future.

He carries into retired life the best wishes of all those who know him both here and during his tour of duty at the Presidio.

ANC



Members of the Command are in receipt of small white envelopes containing the announcement cards of the marriage of Dr. **Edward P. Shannon, Jr.,** and Miss **Ethel May French,** which occurred on Saturday, May 16, at Santa Cruz, California.

Dr. Shannon has been on the Letterman staff as an interne for the past year, and is now awaiting orders for active duty with the Medical Corps of the Army of the United States.

Miss French is a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve, and also has been on duty at Letterman General Hospital.

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Word has come to us of the wedding bells ringing at Fort Blass, Texas, during the past week when Miss **Jean K. Ferguson** became the bride of Lt. **Stevenson Aronsen.**

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Miss Nancy B. Kinsey is reported to be enjoying an ocean voyage to somewhere.

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Miss Lucille H. Newell and Miss **Elizabeth Doyle** are patients on Ward R, while Miss **Margaret A. Hoff** is enjoying her convalescence on Ward G. Miss **Ruth J. Burby** is again back on duty after a short stay in the hospital.

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The sympathy of the command is extended to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dreyer in the death of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Dreyer, which occurred at Fullerton, California, last week.

Several companies are staging office roundups of paper clips, rubber bands and similar articles as part of the job they are doing in salvaging materials. One company claims that one roundup brought in enough such items to meet a year's needs.

A new protective device for plant night watchmen on the lookout to prevent sabotage comes in the form of a small walking stick. The stick has a tiny radio concealed in the handle. When the watchman presses a button, it sends out a special wireless key signal that can be arranged to set off signal alarms or to notify police headquarters.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, May 31, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

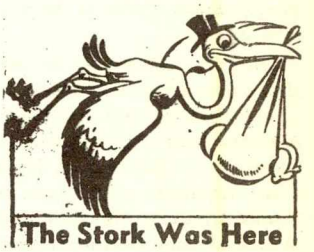
WEDDING BELLS

Private Ugieri Mansueto, patient on Ward B-2, and Miss Claire Rita Migeot were united in Holy Matrimony in the Post Chapel on May 26 in the presence of a few friends. Miss Evelyn Hunter of South San Francisco was the bridesmaid and Corporal Vern Nefz was the best man.

The newly married couple left for a short honeymoon at Carmel immediately following the ceremony.

On Wednesday, May 27, Private Robert J. English, patient on Ward C-2, was married to Miss Eleanore Leonore Balzarine of Detroit, Michigan. The brother of the groom, Frank English, was the best man and Miss Rosaleen Kelly acted as bridesmaid.

Due to the illness of the groom, the honeymoon trip was postponed until a later date.



To Sgt. and Mrs. Faustine Krupansky, Ft. McDowell, California, a daughter, Amelia, weight six pounds, ten ounces, born May 20th, 1942.

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To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Andre Suppo, Letterman Hospital, a son, Paul Andre, weight seven pounds, six ounces, born May 24th, 1942.

A spectacle case with a clip, so that it can be held in the pocket like a pen or pencil, has just been patented.

Serve in Silence

ON THE SPOT



ISAAC N. BRAZELTON
Sergeant U. S. Army, Retired

Currently bivouacked on Ward M-1, Sgt. Isaac N. Brazelton can boast of 30 years service and every bit of it as "only a good soldier" he says, but one look at him will tell you that he is a man of action, and not only does he look it, but has a record that readily proves his abilities.

Sgt. Brazelton's first service began in 1907, when he enlisted in San Francisco and was sent to Alaska with the Signal Corps to construct a wireless telegraph system, which won him a letter of commendation from the Chief Signal Officer for outstanding work in a "wild and woolly" country, and evidently instilled in him a desire to be a real sourdough, and judging from his grizzled jowls in the picture, he is now achieving the goal. "I have special dispensation to grow this stubble," he boasts, "so don't ask me why I didn't shave to have a picture taken."

After his adventures in the land of the midnight sun, the now retired sergeant re-enlisted with the Field Artillery and at the end of two "hitches" in that branch, joined the Coast Artillery, which took him to France at the outbreak of the war in 1916 to train recruits on the heavy guns. His warrant of Sergeant dates from that time, and he has held it ever since. Following the war and a subsequent term in the Quartermaster Corps, the sergeant re-joined the heavy artillery and was sent to Hawaii for two years, returning to serve at Ft. Scott with an anti-aircraft battery, but his outfit was sent to a distant post and so he joined the medical department and was stationed at Letterman, the scene of his last nine years of service and the point from which he retired in 1935. While in the Letterman detachment, Sgt. Brazelton served on guard duty, charge of quarters, receiving clerk, and information office noncom and can still teach our boys some of the tricks in any of those jobs.

Though the sergeant has many years behind him, the twinkle in his eye and a fine sense of humor tell you that he is a man who will never grow old.

WHAT THE WAACS WILL WEAR WHEN WORKING FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

The Army has disclosed that the uniforms selected for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps—khaki cotton twill and gabardine for summer, olive drab covert cloth for winter, plus three types of cotton or rayon hosiery, three kinds of shoes, a pair of galoshes and an assortment of coats and blouses.

But it failed to answer the question which had been agitating many prospective volunteers: What about the underwear? None was displayed with the uniforms and nobody was prepared to say whether the Army planned to provide long flannels or scanties, girdles, petticoats or bras.

For winter uniform, a WAAC officer will have a single-breasted, four-button dark olive drab jacket of 12-ounce covert cloth, and a six-panel flared skirt of light or dark olive drab. The cap, of the same covert cloth, will have a semi-stiff crown, a visor and a cloth chin strap.

Officers' shoulder straps, on which will be worn insignia identical with that of Army officers of corresponding rank, will be three inches long and parallel with the arm hole. Cap insignia will be a cut-out eagle design of gold color, similar to that worn by Army officers.

The "ratings," or enlisted personnel of the WAAC, will wear the same olive drab colors as enlisted men in the Army, and the eagle design for the cap insignia will be superimposed on a gold-colored disc.

The identifying insignia of the corps, to be worn on jacket lapels of winter uniforms and the collars of summer dress, will be a design showing the head of Pallas Athene, goddess of victory.

Army khaki will be the color of the summer uniforms, made of cotton twill and gabardine for the officers, and of eight-ounce water repellant twill for the ratings. In contrast with the stiff and military winter cap, summer headgear will be a hat of khaki cotton twill with a six-section, unlined crown and stitched brim.

Supplementing the basic uniform, the Army will issue to each member of the corps a double-breasted overcoat, a utility coat with removeable woolen lining, light weight raincoat with a hood, a shirt waist with a convertible collar, and a necktie.

Work stockings issued to the WAAC's will be of mercerized, medium weight cotton lisle, and for dress wear they will have full-fashioned rayon hose. The uniform also will include cotton anklets in old gold or moss green, official colors of the corps.

Laced, calf skin blucher Oxfords, of golden tobacco brown with a military leather heel, will be worn for dress service. To match the anklets, the Army will provide an athletic laced Oxford with white canvased uppers, and black soles. A capeskin, moccasin type slipper with soft leather sole will be issued for wear in the barracks.

In addition, gloves will be issued to members of the corps, and each will receive a combination hand and general-use bag, made of water-repellant cotton rayon and having two units,—attached with slide fasteners —which can be used together or separately. The larger bag will contain several small fitted cases, and the smaller handbag will have a change purpose and compartments for personal items.

Designed by the Army Quartermaster Corps, the uniform blouse, made of woven mercerized cotton, has long sleeves and two-patch pockets. With it will be worn a necktie of khaki color, somewhat narrower and shorter than the regular Army issue.

In selecting materials and colors for the uniforms and accessories, the War Department said, the designers considered carefully the availability and cost of the supplies required.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

MAY 30th and 31st:

A WIFE TAKES A FLYER: Franchot and Joan Bennett. Also Short Subjects.

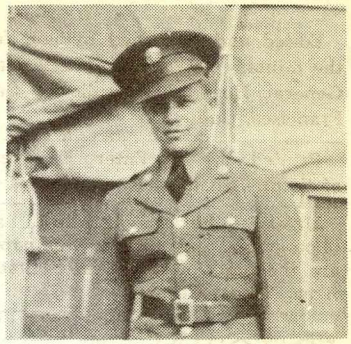
JUNE 2nd and 3rd:

CANAL ZONE: Chester Morris & Harriet Hilliard. Also Short Subjects.

JUNE 4th and 5th:

REMEMBER THE DAY: Claudette Colbert and John Payne. Also Short Subjects.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



DONALD L. PILE
Private, Medical Dept.

Private Donald L. Pile is one of Uncle Sam's newer recruits. He was born and raised in the town of Streator, Illinois and completed his high school education in 1940 when he graduated from Streator's Township High School. A higher education along medical lines is one of Private Pile's few requisites and he set out to realize a part of it by attending Eureka College, Illinois.

One completed year at that institution demonstrated to him that it takes more than a willing spirit to pay for an education and consequently his second year found him out of school and hard at work in one of the Bottling Companies in his home town . . . earning money to pay for that education.

Pvt. Pile stated, when asked how he had entered the service, that just about four months ago he was faced with another problem: whether to go back to school and take a chance of being able to finish his schooling before being inducted, or enlist and help do his part to get the world's ailments straightened out. His choice was the second of the two and bright and early on March 28th Pile was at the Recruiting Station in Peoria, Illinois, "busy signing myself into the regulars."

A week at Scott Field, Illinois was the first step for Pvt. Pile and then he was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas for Medical training at the Replacement Center. The required two and a half months training was completed satisfactorily and May 8 found Pvt. Pile unpacking his barracks bag at a new station, this time Letterman Hospital.

Pvt. Pile asks but one thing of Army life, "keep me busy!" He says he doesn't care what it is as long as it is constructive towards some definite end and as long as there is plenty of it.

Sanitary Corps Commissions Open For Enlisted Men

The following War Department letter is repeated for information and guidance of all enlisted personnel:

"In conformity with existing War Department policy, it is desired that enlisted personnel be informed of the opportunity now afforded for commission as First Lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps, Army of the United States. ....

This corps is made up of commissioned officers who are non-medical graduates but are well qualified in one or more of the following specialties: medical bacteriology, medical biological chemistry, sanitary engineering, entomology, food and nutrition, or in the procurement and inspection of medical supplies.

The minimum educational and experience requirements are:

A bachelor's degree, with a science major, from an approved college or university; and

A minimum of four years of civilian exprience in a responsible position in the particular field for which the applicant is qualified, obtained while in the employ of a state, county, or city health department, a hospital approved by the American Medical Association, an approved college or university, an approved private agency, or of the United States Pubic Health Service; or

The degree of M. S. obtained from an approved college or university for work in an appropriate science may be substituted for not more than one and one-half years, or similarly a degree of Ph. D. SC. D., or its equivalent, from an approved college or university for not more than three years of the civilian experience specified above.

Enlisted men in your command who possess the requirements outlined above may apply for commission in the Sanitary Corps, Army of the United States, by letter to The Surgeon General, United States Army, Washington, D. C. Such letters should contain an official transcript showing in detail college training and suitable statement of civilian experience, and such letter must be forwarded to The Surgeon General by the individual's commanding officer who will add appropriate remarks regarding the applicant's fitness as officer material and his efficiency rating as an enlisted man.

FRIENDLY AMERICAN SOLDIERS BREAK RESERVE OF BRITISH NURSES IN IRISH HOSPITALS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American soldiers hospitalized in Northen Ireland have won the hearts of the usually reserved British nurses with their easy friendliness and good humor.

The British nurses, perplexed at first by such salutations as "Hello, Sis!" "Hiya, Duchess!" "Hello, Queen Bee!," have taken up American slang themselves and become fast friends of their American allies.

In the first report from hospitals in Northen Ireland received at Red Cross headquarters here, Miss Lusa Soul, American Red Cross representative in Great Britain, told of her visits to hospitals where Red Cross workers are stationed to help care for the American soldiers.

"At first the starchy British nurses, usually held in awe by their British patients, were puzzled and a little put out by the easy friendliness of the Americans," she said. "But now a shouted 'Hey, Sis!' will find one of them running to a bedside and even the Matron twinkles with delight when she hears her nickname, 'Queen Bee,' called.

"Fortunately," Miss Soul said, "there have been very few bad cases of sickness among American troops. Distributing comforts to newly-arrived patients, sending cables and making small purchases have been the main tasks of the American Red Cross girls stationed at the hospitals.

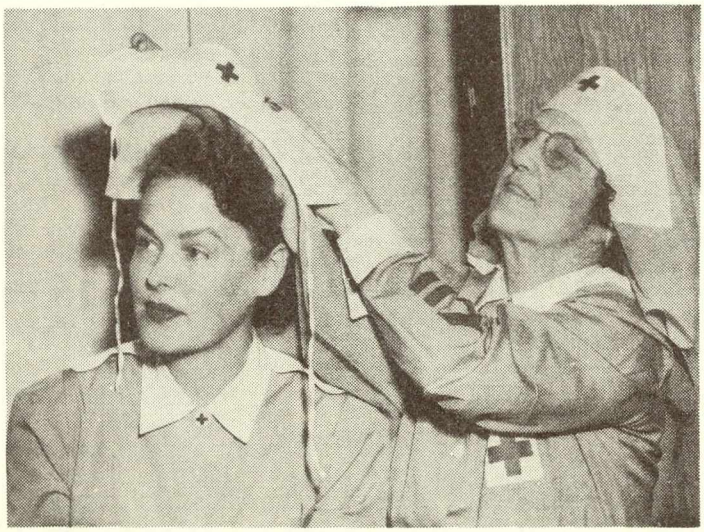
"Miss Nancy Mott Jones, of Nevada City, Calif., is the Red Cross recreation worker stationed at one Northern Ireland hospital. Her job is to maintain a recreation room at the hospital and to help keep the convalescent patients from getting bored. Nancy visits each ward every day, helps the soldiers with their problems and sings to the accompaniment of her ukelele."

In recalling a tour of duty which she spent with Miss Jones, Miss Soul said, " I went with Nancy to the surgical ward. Here British and American patients were mixed. Engaged in a lively argument were Private Fred Hugo, of New Jersey, and a short, dark curly-headed boy of 19, known to the ward as 'Tich.' Fred Hugo had a plaster cast on his right foot, the result, he told me, of a tussle with a case of bayonets in which the bayonets won.

"He also told me that he had a telephone call the night before from his sister, Elsie, who is a nurse at the American Red Cross-Harvard Hospital at Salisbury, England.

" 'Tich' is known to the R.A.F. as Sergeant Maurice Mines, and in spite of his youthfulness he is a veteran of this war. He was recovering from bad burns received when his plane crashed in taking off for a raid on Germany. He was almost cured, and so effective was the triple-dye treatment he received that his face was scarcely marked.

"Sitting on a chair btween two doughboys from New Jersey, Private Joe Mannino, who had just had his appendix removed, and Private Pete Curto, was a red-headed Scotsman known to the ward, of course, as 'Jock.' His real name is Sergeant Houston, of the British Army, and he had recently had his leg amputated as the result of an accident, but his voice was as good as ever and before long he was entertaining us with Scottish songs. Then out came Nancy's ukelele and a general sing-song got under way."



Mrs. ROBERT WHITE

Being "capped" as a Gray Lady Volunteer at ceremonies held at Letterman Hospital on Monday last. Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, chairman of the Gray Ladies, is attaching the head dress.
—Photo courtesy of S. F. Chronicle

Heroic Soldier Is Making Favorable Recovery at LGH

Private First Class Ernest Haack, who was painfully burned in a heroic attempt to prevent an explosion at Fort Cronkhite last week, is making favorable progress toward recovery at Letterman Hospital.

In a letter to the parents of Private Haack, his battery commander paid a tribute to the bravery of the young soldier. The letter read in part:

"At 5:55 a. m. as Pvt. Haack was in the battery kitchen preparing to begin his duties for the day as Student Mess Sergeant, he saw flames leaping from one of the gas ranges. Without thought for his own safety he went immediately to the flaming range and tried to shut off the feed valves and prevent a further explosion. He had just reached for the valve when the explosion occurred, and his body absorbed the main force of the blast. His action saved others in the vicinity from injury."

The battery commander further writes, "Pvt. Haack has been of valuable service to this organization and has capably performed all the duties assigned him. He is in line for promotion to non-commissioned rank."

Pvt. Haack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Haack of Abbotsford, Wisconsin. Mr. Haack made a trip to San Francisco to be with his son after the accident, but has now returned to his home.

A newly invented process makes it possible to make silver plated kitchen ware stainless and tarnish-proof.

Serve in Silence

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men: Albert C. Gianoli, appointed Staff Sergeant; Patrick Wilds, appointed Sergeant; Matt Jarvi, Jr., appointed Corporal; and Howard B. Butler, George W. Erismann, Thomas T. Manker, Geddes E. Pickrell, Samuel Terravecchia, Edwin W. Thompson, Kenneth M. Sach and Merrill V. Smart appointed Private First Class.

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A welcome is extended Sgt. Clifford E. Laws transferred here from Chemical Warfare Service and Pvt. David A. Stutting who recently left civilian life to re-enter the service at his old post here at Letterman.



THERE MUST BE something "phoney" about this picture. Fancy a 1st Sgt. and his staff all smiling at the same time and spontaneously! At the top of the heap is 1st Sgt. Barr — underdogs are Sgt. Bell, Sgt. Baer, and Sgt. Guarisco.

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The best of luck to S/Sgt. Charles E. Vandervoort and Sgt. James Crowe who have effected transfer to Camp Stoneman, California.

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To attend Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, First Sergeant of Detachment of Patients James E. Dull and Staff Sergeant Albert C. Gianoli of the Laboratory Section have received orders to report not later than June 5, 1942. Commission of 2nd Lieut. will be their reward if they successfully complete the course of training and we wish them success in their endeavors.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. James L. Gleeson back at work—all rested up—and reporting that the "Measle Clique" is breaking up, after having broken out.

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Sgt. Rudolph O. Schellhorn bundled up to his ears while keeping score at the soft-ball games and wishing he had more clothes.

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Sgt./T Paul T. Jenkins "mastersleuthing" the eye clinic.

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The Letterman Soft-Ball Club well on the way in the last round of the Presidio tournament.

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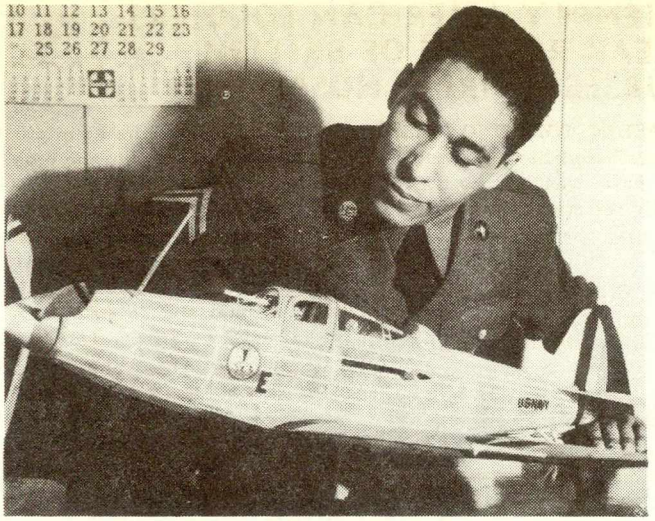
S/Sgts. Ralph Gustafson and Thomas R. Bell and Corporal Leonard Bell with heads together trying to figure out a way to keep their "gas burners" running when the gas rationing hits this coast.

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Sgt./T John R. Steele very solicitous to all who visit the Dental Clinic.

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S/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin, in charge of Unit Personnel, reporting that the enlisted personnel in his office are looking much healthier now that they come to work (about?) 9:00 a. m. instead of 8:00 a. m.



Corporal JOSEPH A. GILMETTE
Holding the model airplane he built while a convalescent patient in Letterman Hospital.

HOBBIES

A very good example of how convalescents' time may be spent with real enjoyment is given us in the photograph appearing above of a Bellair Bonita model plane built by Corp. Joseph Anthony Gilmette, of the Army Air Corps.

Gilmette has been a patient here for the past six weeks, and has been encouraged by the Occupational Therapy aides in his work in the building of a model plane. The Corporal admitted laying himself open to a charge of disloyalty in selecting a Navy model plane for his efforts. But after all that will be his problem to solve when he returns to the barracks within the next few days.

Corp. Gilmette was born on the Island of Brava in the Cape Verde group in 1914. He came to the United States as an infant and has lived in California the greater part of the time since then. He was graduated from the Sacramento High School and was a student at the Gompers Trade School in San Francisco, where he studied architecture. Prior to enlistment in the Army he was a carpenter and worked in the building trade. His ability to handle wood and do things with it finds an outlet in his current hobby.

To anyone who might be interested, we add that Corporal Gilmette is a bachelor.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Major George C. Shivers has been assigned battalion commander of the five companies of drill of the schools. Major Shivers relieved Major Wilson T. Smith, previous battalion commander.

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The charge of quarters of the schools has been seen a little more active now than just a few days ago. The reason for this is that he has not the assistance of two previous orderlies — Privates Cruea and Deeds!! How about that??

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Friends and former co-workers of Privates Everard V. Cruea and Everett E. Deeds will be glad to hear that they are now working in wards as "specials" in Letterman. Cruea and Deeds were transferred from the schools to the hospital during the latter part of last week.

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The following enlisted men, who have been on Special Duty from the hospital, were returned to their organization this week: Private First Class Gregory K. Bogue; Privates Clifford G. Dean, Larry O. Broughton, David K. Campbell, J. R. Grady, and Owen A. Fuller. Private Paul F. Thorpe, also from the Letterman detachment, is confined to the hospital at the present time and was unable to graduate with his fellow students.

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Five students have been retained here as permanent duty personnel from a contingent of men sent here from Camp Grant, Illinois, around March 20th, 1942. They were chosen after completing satisfactory courses in the schools and will assist instruct future students from that replacement center. The men were Privates Robert C. Carroll, Harvey W. Hablitzel, Frank R. Dudley, Wendell K. Waite, and James E. Wingleman.

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There were over 135 students graduated from the schools during the middle part of the week. Approximately 100 of these were former trainees of Camp Grant, Illinois. Most of these students will be attached to different station hospitals or station complements on he Pacific coast.

Serve in Silence

Q. M. NEWS

After an absence from this column for quite a spell, comes now, ye olde reporter striving to write a few words of interest for those who read this column. Lieutenant Maurice R. Brice, Detachment Commander for the past year has been relieved from assignment at this station and Captain Lewis S. Parody has assumed command. Lt. Brice was unable to see all men of this detachment before his departure but through this column has asked yours truly to bid goodbye and good luck to each and every man. Your reporter on behalf of the men of the detachment wish Lt. Brice the best of luck in his new assignment, and hope that we may be able to serve under his command once again.

Attention readers: In last weeks edition of the Fog Horn it was announced that the eleven artists together with their prize winning pictures would be published in the July 6th issue of Life Magazine. Now we are proud to announce that in this detachment we have one of the talented winners. The name of this person. Well, we would rather let Life Magazine announce that. What we would like to know is, how was the money spent? Quite a few of the boys went to town over the week end. We wonder where the money came from at this time of the month?

Rather late for congratulations, but better late than never, we congratulate the following named enlisted men for recent promotions to:

Sergeant Technician 4th Grade

Corporal Silas I. Craig.
Pvt. 1/cl James F. Larney.
Private Dwight I. Darland.

Corporal

Pvt. 1/cl Dean Latimer.

Corporal Technician 5th Grade

Pvt. 1/cl Jacob Bokin.
Pvt. 1/cl Philip Passarelli.
Pvt. 1/cl Thornton P. Taylor.
Private Chester E. Andrews.

Private First Class

Private Sharles B. Bearse.
Private Torcom K. Bedayan.
Private Gregory C. Browne.
Private Thomas F. Howell.

It is satisfying to one member of this detachment that Pvt. 1/cl Charles Bearse has at last sent in his application to attend Aviation school. We hope that he passes the qualifying examination all right for it will be a thrill to pick up the paper some day and see that Bearse has achieved the one thing in his mind ever since this war started, and that is to bomb the Emperor's palace.

Master Sergeant Brechtel, noncommissioned officer in charge of the commissary for the past few years, has left this station on a well earned furlough. During his absence Staff Sgt. Mehr has taken over his duties.

THREE LGH NONCOMS

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has remained to date. Ward served with the Surgical Service prior to his foreign duty tour but has served as assistant to the Mess Officer since 1934.

Lieut. Ward will report to the Army General Hospital, Palm Springs, California, June 1 as an Officer in the Medical Administrative Corps. His discharge is effective today.

Third man to receive appointment is 2nd Lieutenant Holcomb, Medical Administrative Corps, who has been ordered to report to Camp Cook at Lompoc, California, on June 1. His discharge will become effective May 31.

Lieut. Holcomb was Chief Clerk in the Unit Personnel Section of the Hospital prior to his promotion. He was born of Army parents in the Philippines and embarked on his own military career at Fort Clark, Texas, in 1930. In 1934 he was transferred to Letterman Hospital where he remained for three years. He also served a foreign duty tour in the Philippines at Fort Mills and this service claimed two years prior to 1939. In 1939 he found himself transferred back to the mainland and stationed at Letterman where he has remained. Corporal in 1933, Sergeant in 1937, Staff Sergeant in 1939, Technical Sergeant in 1941 and 2nd Lieutenant in 1942 have been the steps of promotion for Holcomb.

A magnet tied to a string has become an important tool at one airplane plant. When small tools, screws and scrap metal fall accidentally into engine parts, the magnet gets in where fingers or tools can't and lifts them out.

A four-engine bomber flying at 250 miles an hour consumes 350 gallons of gas every hour.

UNCLE SAM BUYS A KIMONA

Like heck he does! But hold everything, please. Didn't we see the sons and daughters of Uncle Sam shopping for some "fussy fabric?" It might have been a trousseau, or it might have been—well, any of those useless garments costing real dough and returning to you neither warmth, durability, or a lasting value. Why some of our dresses are so poor, cheap and flimsy that a polar bear, if dressed in them, would freeze to death in the tropics!

Why not buy simple things, good and substantial, and save your money, and put it into War Bonds. America in a Japanese Kimona is a disgrace and an insult! When you think you have needs, think, and think some more. Uncle Sam wants no flimsy Kimonas. What he needs is a suit of armor, and your devoted support and loyalty: personally, industrially and economically.

Take that dollar you can so well spare and save it. Loan it to the Government of the United States. Uncle Sam needs it! Kimonas and Geisha girls are not for us—never for us! (Unless we lose a War.)

See Chaplain Shuder, Letterman War Bonds Officer, today.

Perennial Peeve

I understand the P. X. store
Right here inside of Camp
Will sell you almost anything—
A radio set or stamp.

I hear they handle saddle soap,
Tobacco and cigars,
Shaving cream and magazines,
And ink and candy bars.

I guess they sell all sorts of stuff
But though I've often tried
I've never really seen the place
Except from the outside.

For every time I go around
It's just the same old story:
I can't get in because the joint
Is closed for inventory.

Industrial research men are making an intensive study of phosphorescent materials for blackout lighting. Phosphorescent paint will store up energy whiel lights are shining, and then will glow when the lights go off. In that way such paint will help plant workers to find their way about in a sudden blackout.

Letterman Nine Off to Good Start

The Letterman Softball Team had a very auspicious opening in the second half of the Service League by defeating the team representing the 202 Signal Corps Company by a score of 12 to 0.

The ace pitcher for the medics, Carroll, was on the mound and once again in excellent form. He allowed two hits and struck out 10 of the 26 men who faced him. Sharing stellar honors with Carroll was Layrer, the center fielder, who connected for the only home run of the game with two men on base.

Letterman Pos.	AB.	H.	R.	E.
DeMello, c	4	1	1	0
Giovanetti, 3b	3	1	2	0
Craig, 1b	4	1	2	0
Leyrer, cf	4	2	2	0
Morey, sf	4	1	0	0
Jarvi, ss	4	1	1	0
Sidebottom, 2b	4	1	1	0
Bazzani, lf	4	1	0	0
Roemer, rf	4	2	1	0
Carroll, p	3	2	2	0
	38	13	12	0

202 Signal Co.				
Hennessy, cf	3	0	0	0
McWilliams, lf	3	0	0	1
Ayoob, 2b	3	1	0	0
Slater, ss	3	0	0	1
Drummond, 3b	3	0	0	2
Walton, 1b	3	0	0	1
Coshaw, c	2	1	0	0
Anastasia, sf	2	0	0	0
Bergman, rf	2	0	0	1
Chozik, p	2	0	0	0
	26	2	0	6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LETTERMAN	3	0	0	3	0	0	6
202 SIGNAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OFFICERS JOINED STATION

Captain James L. Browning, MC.
Captain Myron W. Cooke, MC.
Captain Edward A. Edwards, MC.
Captain Charles M. Taylor, MC.
1st. Lt. Martin A. Blackstone, MC.
1st. Lt. Peter J. Bonanno, MC.
1st. Lt. William P. Cappleman, MC.
1st. Lt. Harold Civin, MC.
1st. Lt. Paul T. Egidio, MC.
1st. Lt. Glenn W. Harvey, MC.
1st. Lt. John H. O'Leary, MC.
1st. Lt. Pasquale A. Piccolo, MC.
1st. Lt. Robert M. Phillips, MC.
1st. Lt. Frank Earl Roark, MC.
1st. Lt. Oliver Richard Wilson, MC.

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Air Raid Warning For West Coast Is Appreciated Here

The announcement last week by the Secretary of War to the effect that it was quite probable the Japanese would attempt to raid on the Pacific Coast gave nationwide publicity to a conviction that has been prevalent in this section here since the beginning of our participation in the World War.

The secretary made specific mention of the part which "face" plays in the lives of the oriental, and those who have served in that part of the world are aware that Mr. Stimson was stating the case very plainly. The air raid by the officers and men of the American Armed Forces on Tokio and three other cities of the Japanese islands was a blow to national pride. Their preparations for defense were believed to have been so complete as to preclude invasion by sea, land, or air, so when they had to deal with the reality of enemy bombs dropping from the sky on important installations of the capitol of the empire, it was just too much for the Jap mind to assimilate. It was one of those things which could not happen, yet it did, with a horrid memory which may be only effaced by similar action on the part of the Japanese armed forces against a city on the continental mainland.

The threat of an air raid to the citizens of this community in no way causes a feeling of terror but merely strengthens the determination to meet that situation when it arrives, and to send the Japanese back with nothing more than an increased loss of face. It is not believed that the enemy can break through our defenses, but if he should, his regret will be profuse.

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



PRIVATE ROBERT W. BLOXHAM, Air Corps, receiving congratulations of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, who had just pinned on his chest the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart.

Memorial Day Is Observed in the Local Cemeteries

In keeping with the custom prevailing in the Bay Area for many years past, Memorial Day services were held in the national cemeteries on Saturday last in honor of the dead of all wars, and more particularly those who lie interred in the National Cemetery of the Presidio of San Francisco.

The program was under the sponsorship of the United Spanish War Veterans and the ceremonies were attended by the Honorable Angelo J. Rossi, Mayor of San Francisco, and representatives of all the veterans' organizations.

A regiment of R.O.T.C. students led by their own band and colors and guidons added greatly to the scene.

In the afternoon at San Bruno the Golden Gate National Cemetery was formally dedicated with ceremonies sponsored by the joint veterans' committees under the chairmanship of Mr. T. Louis Chess of the American Legion. The master of ceremonies was R. A. Rapsey, City Attorney of San Bruno, and the speaker of the day was Honorable Earl Warren, Attorney General, State of California.

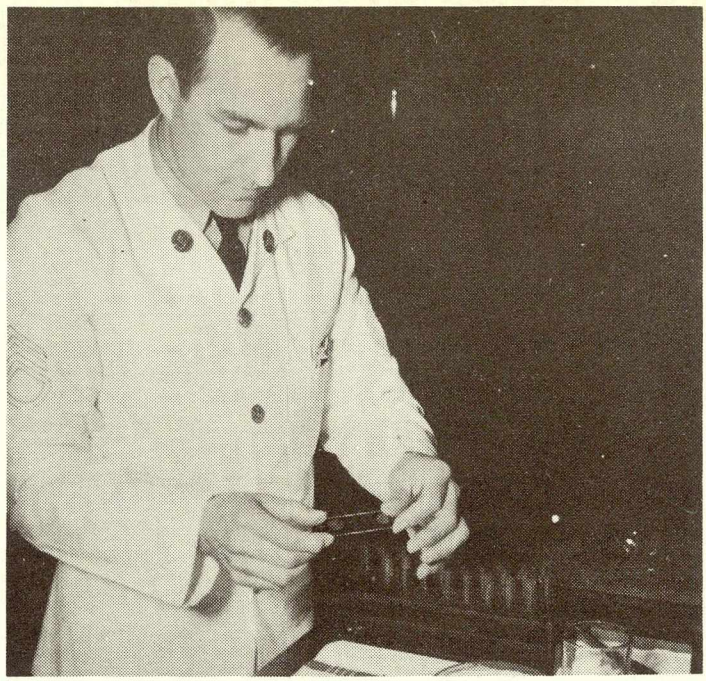
Every grave in the new cemetery was decorated with a small flag, and many hundreds of visitors with memorial wreaths helped to present a picture of surpassing beauty.

Since the first interment took place at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in June of last year approximately 800 men have been buried. The formal dedication was postponed until the landscaping had been completed.

BLOOD SUPPLY GUARANTEED BY MANY VOLUNTEER DONORS

Not only on the battlefield, on the seas and in the air are our boys offering their blood for their love of country and freedom, but right here at home, detachment members —hundreds of them—are voluntarily placing themselves on the donor list so that the blood supply at Letterman will be adequate to face any emergency that might arise from injury at the hands of the enemy, as well as provide the routine demands of patients in need of transfusion.

Last Friday, May 29, Detachment Commander Captain Lemuel R. Williams made it known that personnel could, if they wished, place themselves on the list of donors, and immediately after the Captain's suggestion, a line as long as the corridor itself formed outside the clinical laboratory beneath Ward L-1 to have blood tested, and as fast as the line diminished, new men arrived to keep the laboratory workers busy all day and half of the next day, making records, obtaining blood samples from the arm of each donor and testing and typing the sample.



S/SGT. VAUGHN G. YEOMANS typing blood for future use.

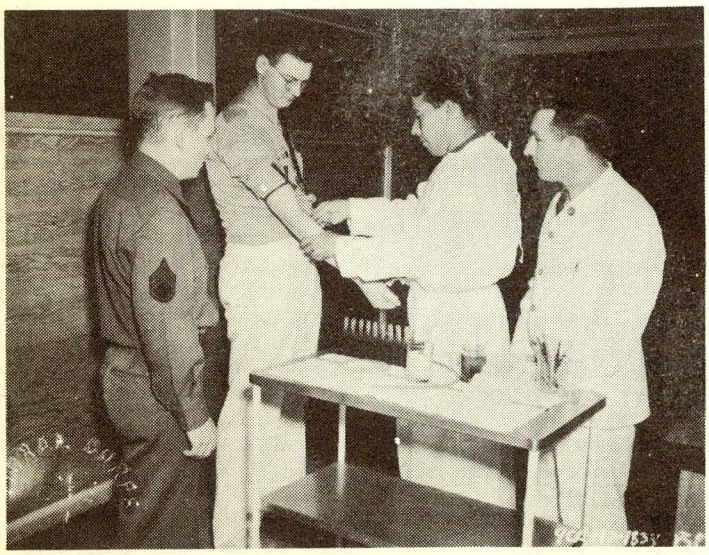
At a hospital of this size, cases are always present which require transfusion of blood, and consequently, all types of blood must be available at all times and in this time of emergency particularly, for the life-giving fluid may be at unlimited demand at any moment. That is why hundreds of men are offering their blood —so that our hospital would be ready to furnish unlimited supply in any emergency without calling in an outside agency.

Some might ask, "Why not accept blood now, and even though not needed immediatley, it could be processed and reduced to plasma—then on occurence of a catastrophe, the blood would be immediately available." Major Gerson R. Biskind, Chief of Clinical Laboratory, furnishes reply to this by stating that it is simpler and better to have the donor on hand when possible, and on a post like Letterman, using available donors is the most practical method.

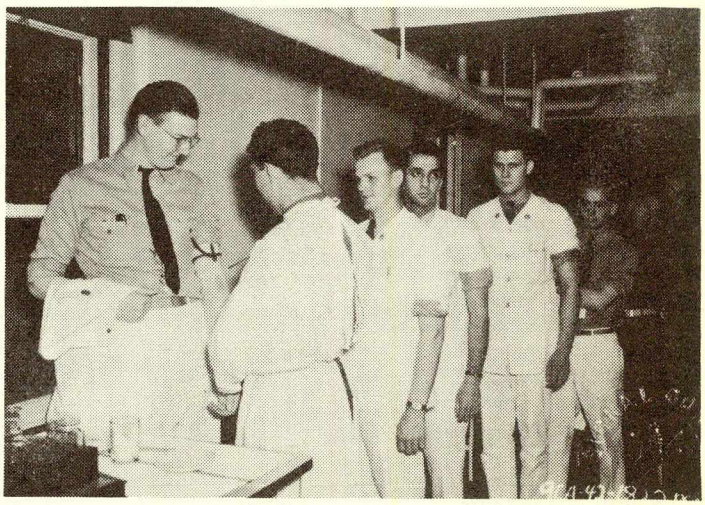
Each one of the hundreds of men who volunteered as blood donors is protecting himself as well as others who might be injured—if everyone took the attitude of those who say "There are plenty of donors, they don't need me"—the result would be a sad inadequacy in the blood supply. Suppose these people who neglected to offer their blood were in need of transfusion—the situation would be an unhappy one when it was found that there just weren't any donors, so by having the entire detachment on the available list, each man is insuring himself against lack of blood in case of injury to himself that might require immediate transfusion. You are not only being patriotic in offering your blood, but are doing yourself a service.

According to Major Biskind, whose assistant conducted the typing and testing, the giving of a pint of blood will leave no ill effect whatsoever on a person of normal health, and service men, in addition to their own benefit and fulfilling a patriotic duty, receive monetary remuneration for their blood from the government should the transfusion be a routine necessity. But that isn't the reason for the long line of donors that formed last week at the door of the clinical laboratory—they were there because they had a way to show their patriotism in joining those who have already shed blood for their country. It's the best thing those soldiers who must necessarily stay behond the line of battle can do.

The list is still open.



BLOOD DONOR in act of giving blood. Left to right: S/Sgt. Wilbur Selvey, Pvt. Fred A. Standiford, Jr., Pvt. H. L. Hitt, and S/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans.



THE LINE-UP lengthening and still many more beyond range of the camera. Left to right: Pvt. Fred A. Standiford, Jr., Pvt. H. L. Hitt, Pvt. Hamlin A. Juedes, Pvt. John Y. James, Pvt. Edmond K. Kubiak, and Technician 5th Grade William R. Cain.

Roll of Honor

The Following Men Have Volunteered as Blood Donors in Case of Need

MASTER SERGEANT William R. Moody

STAFF SERGEANTS:
Karnig Annoshian
Thomas R. Bell
Bartholomew J. Guarisco
Ralph R. Gustafson
Harold E. McComb
William T. Rodgers
Vaughn G. Yeomans

TECHNICIANS THIRD GRADE:
William H. Day
John A. Harrel

SERGEANTS:
Alfred A. Baer
Robert E. Cook
Russell F. Cox
Errol E. Cropsey
Wiley J. Dunn, Jr.
Daniel B. Henkel
Jerome C. Johnson
Rosylen H. Morey
Robert H. Morten
Richard E. Phillips
Curtis R. Pike
Harry Ponerantz
Renaldo Roberti
Preston M. Roller
Gorden L. Sauer
Rudolph O. Schellhorn
Frank J. Shamrock
Joseph J. Slusarski
Percy E. Warren
Irving C. Weill
Rosco J. Willey

TECHNICIANS FOURTH GRADE:
Noel Anderson
Marino F. Baggese
James F. Blackburn
Warren R. Box
Ernest J. Brensel
Homer Bullock
Walter Campana, Jr.
Andrew J. Campbell
George R. Dahl
Raymond E. Edmondson
Richard N. Freeman
John K. Grimason
Ted A. Griset
Paul T. Jenkins
Richard S. Jones
Nathan J. Kaplan
Ross K. Laughlin
Charlie E. Layne
Robert L. Mathers
Frederick E. Matthias
Donald A. McNaughton
Charles E. Mulkey
Carl L. Myers
Martin T. Newcome
Lewi sW. Stearns
Joseph M. Thibedeaux
Warren H. Young

CORPORALS:
Nels L. Allison
Leonard P. Bell
Arlen F. Duke
Hymen G. Eskow
John W. Evans
Robert P. Gunthorp
Edward F. Haverty
Matt Jarvi, Jr.
Otis F. Norris

TECHNICIANS FIFTH GRADE
William R. Cain
Stephen Bruzzone
Ira D. Carlton
Waverly T. Carpenter
Firmino B. Cavalli
Theodore F. Clark
William Couch
Gordon E. Dahlgren
Francis M. Davies
William F. DeMello
Harold E. Ebel
Aldo G. Giannini
James G. Gust
Leo W. Gustafson
Harold C. Hayes
John L. Nani
George W. Norvelle
Andre R. Pascal
John V. Ryan
Stanley L. Shore
William S. Taylor, Jr.
Joseph E. Turnham, Jr.
Charles R. Weisburg
Doniphan E. Winfrey

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS:
John D. Barrow
Irving Bender
Gustav Bingen
Horace R. Birrell
Werner N. Blackstad
Stanley L. Boyd
Richard S. Brown
Louis Caso
Elmer E. Cofer
Roy F. Cook

TECHNICAL SERGEANT Henry Kuntz

Zeryl Dryden
Harold R. DuGay
Wesley A. Eastridge
Leo H. Fogle
James L. Gleeson
Edwin W. Goehring
Ralph I. Goodell
Marion E. Gresham
Warren S. Grones
Walter J. Howell
Leonard W. Johnson
Seth Kalashian
Henry W. Kramer
Isadore Lanfranco
Arne H. Lunden
Trino R. Martinez
Richard C. McCoy
Frank N. Mellon
Walter E. Olson
Richard E. Rosenberg
Walter W. Ross
Raymond E. Ryckman
Kenneth M. Sack
Walter C. Smith
Samuel Terravecchia, Jr.
Curtis J. Titus
Clifford L. Turner
Edward C. Vicary
William G. Wees
Wilver W. Wessel
Chester J. White
John H. Wiensz

PRIVATES:
John A. Babich
Gabriel Barrios
Jerry Blaha
Charles F. Blain
Clifton C. Borchard
Sam J. Bornoty
Hayden Box
Joseph A. Brandon
Vernon F. Brentano
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Larry O. Broughton
David K. Campbell
Milton D. Carlson
Edward S. Christopherson
Henry S. Craft, Jr.
Robert M. Cronin
Edmond O. Cunningham
Clifford G. Dean
Robert P. Desmond
Harold O. Despain
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James R. Eastman
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Earnest J. Martin
John E. Mattison
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Hilbert Miranda
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Theodore F. Morrow
Donald F. Moxley
Carl H. Mummey
James F. Murphy
Charles Oltean, Jr.
Paul L. Owens
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Benhard O. Priesmeyer
Ernest Punaro
Joseph A. Roberge
Matia Ruiz
George Rust
Henry D. Sanders
Leonard F. Satterlee
Chester G. Schaeffer
Charles R. Schleider
Roland O. Standley
James H. Starkey
Clyde A. Taylor
Joseph H. Thomas
Paul F. Thorpe
Martin W. Tolzmann
Edward N. Tonies
Douglas Vaughn
Manuel D. Villalovos
Marvin C. Wagner
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EDITORIAL

BLOOD DONORS

The response of the men of the Medical Detachment of this hospital to the call for volunteer blood donors was most encouraging to the Commanding General and gave evidence that our soldiers, even though far from the battle front, are willing to shed their blood for the common defense of the country.

For some time in the past the Surgeon General of the Army had a special fund at his disposal from which he might approve the remuneration of men in the service who gave blood donations for transfusions. This was also the accepted practice in civil life and today there are many practicing physicians and surgeons who, as medical students, earned enough to pay one month's living expenses in return for such donations.

Right now with the imminence of enemy attack and consequent injury to large numbers of civilians all of the people are aware of the need for blood and voluntary donations are the rule instead of the exception. At frequent intervals photographs appear in the daily papers portraying prominent citizens as well as men in all walks of life giving freely of their blood against the day when the need will be acute.

The total of nearly three hundred men of our Medical Detachment who have enrolled their names on the voluntary roster of blood donors indicates a willingness to serve beyond the limit of the ordinary routine of duty.

Every man whose name is on that roster may be rightfully proud of his place there even as our Commanding General is rightfully proud to have such men under his command.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major **Harry W. Martin** anxiously scanning the skies for a sight of the plane which was to deliver his luncheon of fried chicken all the way from Hollywood.

Another full colonel—**Oral B. Bolibaugh**—wearing his eagles shining from newness and congratulations are in order.

Corporal **Noel Durbin** putting on his pathetic expression and winning a pass from the Detachment Commander of Patients. This time Noel promises to behave.

Private **George Sistek**, who helped the admitting process for hundreds of patients while he was in the Receiving Office, going through the same process himself prior to admission as a patient on Ward C-1.

Gus the Barber back from his vacation and adding a lot of life to the chatter in the barber shop these days.

Two of our nurses having a mid-morning snack of bacon and eggs and potatoes and toast and coffee in the P. X. grill and explaining that it would tide them over unil luncheon. Of course, they had had breakfast but a girl gets hungry, you know. Especially nurses, or didn't you know that?

Master Sergeant **James C. Vaughan** marking time in the corridor of the Administration Building until he goes on active duty as a lieutenant.

A canny Scotch colonel making a wager with a wily lieutenant colonel who is Irish. The loser to buy the "cokes" for the morning pause. The canny colonel lost the wager and was ready to pay when an innocent bystander declared himself "in" and agreed to toss for the "cokes." He paid the check. Moral—keep out of the clutches of the Scotch and the Irish or you'll pay and pay and pay.

A N C



This week we have the privilege of welcoming two new arrivals to the ranks of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve who will report for duty at this hospital.

The first one is Miss **Mary A. Hill**, born in Promise, South Dakota, attended high school at Flanders, South Dakota, and took her professional training at the Methodist Hospital at Sioux City, Iowa. Following graduation she did private duty at Sioux City and then was a staff nurse in the Indian Service at Cass Lake, Minnesota, for two years, and later served in the Indian Service Hospital at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she remained until her entrance on active duty.

Miss **Luevtra Neuschwanger**, born at Mount Carroll, Illinois, attended high school in her native town. She made her professional course at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, from which she graduated in 1938. Following graduation she took a post graduate course at Cook County Hospital in communicable diseases. More recently she has been on general duty at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles and her last case before entering military service was caring for Alice Faye, the wife of orchestra leader Phil Harris, where she helped usher Phyllis Faye Harris into this world.

Just to keep up the record on bridesmaids and maids of honor, we note that Miss **Marjorie Lawson** is on the program to be maid of honor for her sister who will marry a Navyfile this month.

You know that old adage about the bad pennies? Well, it sort of occurred to us when we had a visit last week from Miss **Pearl Nicholls**, whom we thought had gone on one of those nowadays popular boat rides. It developed tat Miss Nicholls is stationed at Fort Ord and just near enough for us to see her every so often, we hope.

Miss **Marie McCarthy** and Miss **Dora Guglielmetti** made a very attractive twosome in their uniforms of blue when seen in town one morning this week.

Low grade, unmarketable tobacco can now be processed into paper, soap, varnish, and fiber board.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 7, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OFFICERS

JOINED STATION

Major Charles W. Grady, M. C.
Major Harold C. Alward, M. C.
Major Thomas W. Nisbet, M. C.
Major Forrest N. Anderson, M. C.
Major Clay P. Kris, D. C.
Captain Everett H. Lindstrom, M. C.
Captain Ralph W. Stuck, M. C.
Captain Robert W. King, M. C.
Captain Lot D. Howard, M. C.
1st Lt. Raymond W. Biggar, M. C.
1st Lt. Vincent E. Crafect, D. C.
1st Lt. William K. Newcomb, M.C.
1st Lt. Marcus A. Krupp, M. C.
1st Lt. Fergus R. Pingrey, M. C.
1st Lt. John R. Master, M. C.

LEFT STATION

Major Clement A. Tavares, M. C.
Major John D. Foley, M. A. C.
Captain William S. Bagnall, M. C.
1st Lt. Leonard Katz, M. C.
1st Lt. William Cappleman, M. C.
1st Lt. Martin A. Blackstone, M.C.
1st Lt. Paul Egidio, M. C.
1st Lt. Edward S. Ross, San C.

PROMOTED

Captain Clement A. Tavares, M.C., to Major.

Captain Sidney N. Tucker, M. C., to Major.

1st Lt. James R. Drake, M. C., to Captain.

1st Lt. Gordon C. Langsdorf, M. C., to Captain.

1st Lt. Sydney H. Green, M. C., to Captain.

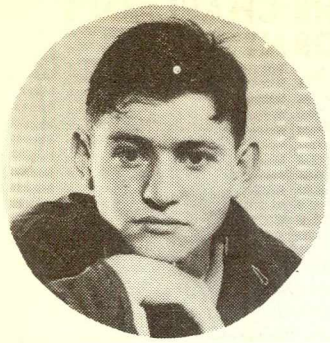
1st Lt. John D. Reese, M. C., to Captain.

1st Lt. Leslie Riechel, M. C., to Captain.

From 1929 to 1940 labor cost per man-hour in manufacturing increased 20 per cent.

Serve in Silence

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. HENRY SWINDELL

Drawing his five foot, three inch frame to full height and expanding his chest to the degree of endangering the buttons on his convalescent suit, Pvt. John Henry Swindell declares, "Yessir, when I get out of the Army, I've decided to be a secret service policeman—a mixture of Lil Abner and Dick Tracy rolled into one." The words rolled out in a soft unhurried drawl as they do only from those natives of the Texas prairie.

John is no slacker when it comes to having high and honorable ambitions in the world, as he puts it, "what's the good of working, if you don't have something to work for?" and he is right. " 'Course, I'll have to take any job I can get, but I'll always be working for that detective's job."

John was born in the distinctive state of Arkansas in 1923 and began his short but productive educational career in the town of Prescott, later transferring to Grandslane, Texas, where he finished up the sixth grade. John was forced to lay down his books and slate at that time to find work on neighboring farms and to saw wood, and he insists that "sawing that wood wasn't done on any pillow!"

Soon realizing that there was no future or education to the work, he made his way to Dallas, Texas, to work in a dairy operated by his uncle, but left the rattle and bottles and cans and the mooing of bovines in February of 1942 to enlist in the Army at Camp Walters. From there John was sent to Camp Haan and remained there for two months. From Camp Haan, he came to Letterman for hospital treatment, and John's case may win him a discharge soon and give him the opportunity he wants to follow his ambition. If he makes as good a detective as he is a patient, John will be another Dick Tracy in the flesh.

SGT. MAJOR MOODY WELL EQUIPPED BY PAST EXPERIENCE FOR HIS NEW POST

On September 9, 1906, Sergeant Major William R. Moody was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and lived in that city until he was eight years old. Upon the death of his father, Sergeant Moody moved with his mother to Santa Ana, California. And until his graduation from the Santa Ana Polytechnical High School, Santa Ana was home to the Sergeant.

In 1924, Sergeant Moody joined the Army at Fort MacArthur, California, and was sent to Letterman Hospital for his initial duty tour. During this time he was on duty first at the Recreation Center as movie operator and the Sergeant Major said it was a big transformation in the "flikker house" the day the present machines replaced the old hand-crank type. Duty in the Medical Supply Section also consumed much of the time spent at Letterman before he purchased his release from the Government after two years' service.

Civil life for Sergeant Moody did not have the appeal for him that he had anticipated, and after working for the City Government of San Francisco for a year, he went back to Walter Reed General Hospital and re-enlisted in July, 1926. Duty at Walter Reed included work in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, Medical Supply and the X-Ray Sections of the hospital. His first appointment to the non-commissioned ranks of Sergeant was in 1927 and he was discharged again from the service in 1929.

From July, 1929, until October, 1933, it was Mr. Moody again, and during that time he was either traveling around the country or was employed at the Golden Gate Theater of San Francisco.

In 1933 and in the grade of Private, Sergeant Moody re-enlisted in the Army and again at Walter Reed General Hospital. During the next six years his time was spent chiefly in the office of the Sergeant Major. His promotion to the rank of Sergeant in this instance came in September, 1935. The time July of 1939 to September, 1941, was spent on foreign duty at Schoffield Barracks, Hawaii, and during that time Sergeant saw duty as Regimental Supply Sergeant, First Sergeant and Personnel Sergeant Major. He was married while in the Islands to Miss Mabel Krch on April 25, 1941.

Assigned to Letterman Hospital in September, 1941, Sergeant Moody reported October 6 and was assigned to the Sergeant Major's Office for duty. He was appointed Sergeant Major to succeed Master Sergeant Lee Inman.

The Sergeant Major is a home man from the word "go"; says he makes a hobby of collecting cookies, his wife's and as many as possible; further states that walking one very small dog constitutes his activities along any sporting lines—and not too often.

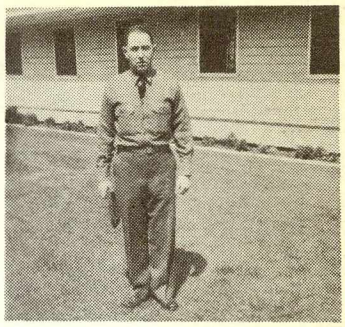
Since the above was set in type Sgt. Moody was promoted to the grade of Master Sergeant, Medical Department, and his warrant signed by Brigadier General Wallace De-Witt on May 31, 1942. He will be retained at Letterman as Sergeant Major of the command.

NEW SERGEANT MAJOR



WILLIAM R. MOODY
Master Sergeant, Medical Department

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. DALTON E. POFF

If he is a Private and is carrying telegraph envelopes in his hand; if he has a very slow, very engaging smile, and if his speech is lazy with a decided accent of the deep south in it, in all probability it is Private Dalton E. Poff, telegraph messenger at the hospital.

When Pvt. Poff left his home in Cherry Valley, Arkansas, to be drafted it was the first time that he had left the pleasant neighborhood of his birth. He was born February 17, 1918, and has lived the normal life of the people of that farming community—attending the Cherry Valley County School and helping his father with the work on the farm during the summer months. In 1937 when he graduated from school he entered into a partnership with his father and brother and the three of them took over a new 80-acre farm. They have a lumber business and wood-working shop along with the rice and dry farm which they tend and also manage to raise a moderate size herd of stock. The persistancy with which Pvt. Poff pursues his duties about the hospital is indicative that he knows the word "work" and is not afraid of it.

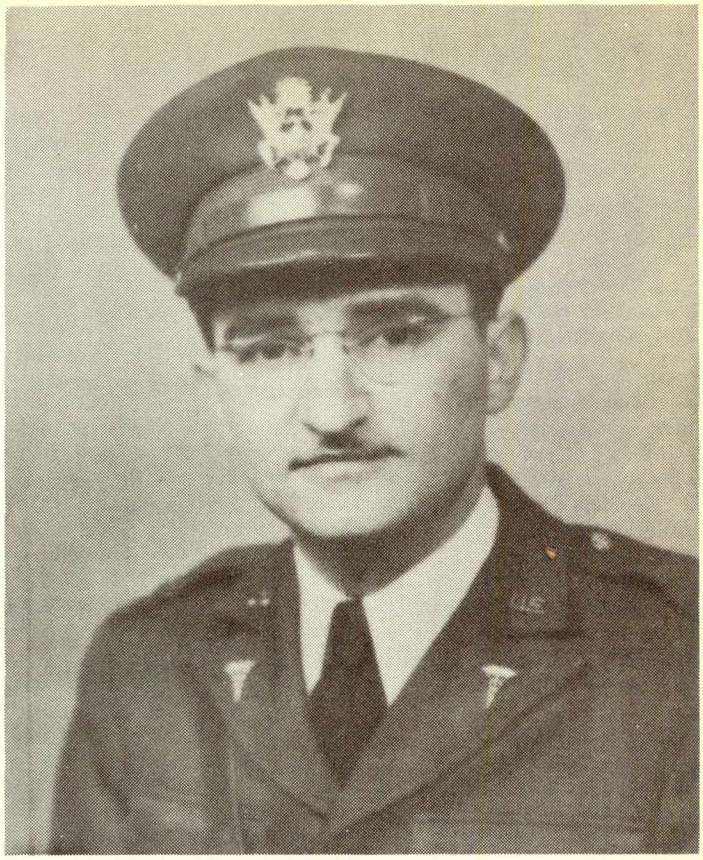
Poff was inducted February 28, 1942, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and was sent to Camp Callon, California, for a one month training period. He has worked in the telegraph office since his arrival and says that the work in the hospital, as much as he has seen of it, is very interesting and of a constructive nature—something which suits him just fine.

Serve in Silence

LETTERMAN OFFICERS PROMOTED TO FIELD GRADE



Major SIDNEY N. TUCKER, M. C.



Major CLEMENT A. TAVARES, M. C.

Major Clement Tavares was born in Hawaii in 1912, and went to grammar and high school in his native islands. He made his college A.B. at Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, and took his medical degree at the College Medical Evangelists, at Los Angeles, where he was graduated in 1937. His interneship was served at the Methodist Hospital at Omaha, Nebraska.

Major Tavares was commissioned in the Medical Reserve Corps in 1938, and served for one year on CCC duty in the Sacramento district. He reported for active duty at Letterman General Hospital on October 1, 1939, and during most of his service here he has been on the medical side. In September, 1940, he took a special course in Gastroscopy under Dr. Rudolf Schindler, Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, and started a Gastroscopy Clinic at Letterman in November, 1940, which operated for over a year under the Medical Service. Major Tavares has been in the Out Patient Department since February, 1942, specializing in Pediatrics and Allergy.

The Major considers his principal hobby the study of malignant diseases and on the lighter side he goes in for photography, fishing and tennis.

He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, a member of the National Gastroenterological Association, a member of the American Gastroscopic Club, and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Major Tavares is married and has one son, Clement George, aged 22 months.

Major Sidney N. Tucker was born in New York City and made his preliminary medical studies at the New York University, taking his medical degree at the University of California where he graduated in 1934. For the next year he served an interneship at the University of California Hospital. The following year he served as resident at the San Francisco Hospital for Contagious Diseases and this was succeeded by a year as resident in Pediatrics at the University of California Hospital.

Major Tucker was city epidemiologist for the Department of Health for the City and County of San Francisco for a period of four years from 1937 to 1941. During this same period he was an instructor in Pediatrics and Contagious Diseases at the University of California Medical School. He was a lecturer on communicable diseases in the Public Health School of University of California, and also visiting physician for the communicable disease section of the San Francisco County Hospital.

Major Tucker was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve on November 30, 1936, and ordered to active duty on February 4, 1941, at Letterman General Hospital. He became a Captain April 2, 1941, and a Major with rank from February 1, 1942.

Major Tucker is married and has two children, Robert and David.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

JUNE 6th and 7th:

TWO YANKS IN TRINIDAD—Pat O'Brien and Brian Donlevy. Also Short Subjects.

JUNE 9th and 10th:

SHIP AHOY—Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell. Also Short Subjects.

JUNE 11th and 12th:

KID GLOVE KILLER—Van Heflin and Marsha Hunt. Also Short Subjects.

INTERESTING FACTS

Industrial research men are studying the tough ends of asparagus stalks, in the hope of processing them into a good fiber insulating board.

In addition to washing, soap can be used for an almost endless number of useful purposes, one of which is to locate leaks in gas-pipe joints. The suspected joint is plastered with suds and if gas bubbles through, there's your leak.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week are in order for the following men: William R. Moody, appointed Master Sergeant; Herbert L. Ligier, appointed Technical Sergeant; Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., appointed Staff Sergeant; John W. Evans, Albert M. Hansen and Howard B. Butler, appointed Sergeants; Nathan Edelstein and Donald E. Stone appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; William G. Louch, appointed Corporal and Primo D. Bozzani, appointed Private First Class.

A welcome is extended to three new members of the Detachment who reported for duty during the week.. They are: Privates Walter Prigge, Louis J. Grosso and Robert Blakee Gliddan.

Twenty-five members of the Detachment who had been selected to form a cadre and had completed an extensive course of instruction left this post for a new station. These menn were transferred in grade and for the following assignments: Sergeannt Eugene W. Walton, Sergeant Majjor; Sergeant Timothy J. Bradley,, Sick and Wounded Sergeant; Sergeant Alfred T. Calchera, Mess Sergeant; Sergeant Arthur L. Fentonn, Supply Sergeant; Technician Fourth Grade Gregory K. Bogue, Clinical Laboratory Technician; Technician Fourth Grade William B. Lafferty, Pharmacy Technician; Corporal Herbert T. Carter, Jr., Supply Clerk; Technician Fifth Grade John L. Nani, Cook; Technician Fifth Grade Sylvester H. Reeves, Cook; Privates First Class Stanley M. Pokusa, Sick and Wounded Clerk; Richard S. Brown, 1st Sgt. Office Clerk; Marshall H. Hughes, Clinical Laboratory Technician; Haskell H. Betson, Dental Technician; James W. Hambleton, Surgical Technician; Curtis J. Titus, Surgical Technician; Henry Konopha, X-Ray Technician; and Privates, John W. Ahern, Admission and Disposition Office Clerk; Howard T. Raymond, Dental Technician; Clifford G. Dean, Medical Technician; Paul F. Thorpe, Medical Technician; Bernard Morof, Medican Technician; Frederick N. Hotine, Medican Technician; Fernando Brines, Surgical Technician; John R. Grady, X-Ray Technician; and Larry O. Broughton, Pharmacy Technician.

T/Cpl. Alvin H. Seger visiting his trap line every day to see how his average on "rat" trapping is holding up. He reports that the rats are on the decline.

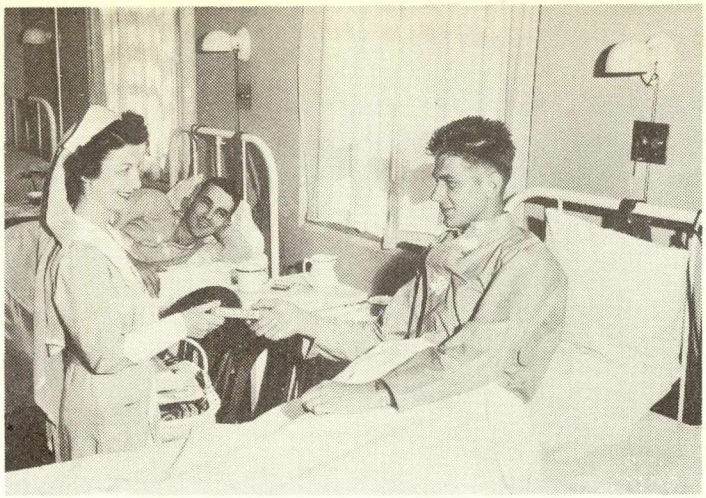
Who is the most insulted—S/Sgt. Bartholomew J. Guarisco or S/Sgt. Ralph R. Gustafson due to the error which was made in identifying members of the Detachment office in the picture which appeared last week in this column. It was S/Sgt. Gustafson's picture and **not** S/Sgt. Guarisco's——and we apologize for the error.

The greetings sent by Sgts. Jefferson A .Casserly and Vachel E. Barton, formerly of this Detachment, to friends here at Letterman.

The efficient manner in which convoy patients are handled by members of the Receiving Office.

T/Sgt. William C. Muhic's skill in playing the marble games.

Creature Comforts Bring Contentment And Good Cheer to Convalescents



Mrs. GEORGE SIMON

Volunteer Gray Lady handing a tube of precious tooth paste to Pvt. Charlie F. Vaughn while Pvt. Edward W. Miller looks on from the adjoining bed. Mrs. Simon is the "Angel of the K Wards" and an ever-welcome visitor to the men recovering from injuries.

The little Gray Lady with the big basket is a very familiar, as well as welcome, figure to the men on Wards K-1 and K-2.

In private life she is Mrs. George Simon, and has been doing volunteer work at this hospital for more than a year. She began giving her time freely in the Occupational Therapy Department, and later transferred to the work of visiting on the Wards.

The accompanying photograph indicates the warmth with which she is greeted by the patients to whom she distributes tobacco and other creature comforts, particularly to men who are without funds at the time.

Mrs. Simon is a native daughter of California and has lived all of her life in San Francisco. She is the mother of two sons, 6 and 8 years old, but by reason of her contacts with the patients on the K Wards, she has adopted sons equal to the number of patients on the ward roster. She has a delightful personality and is always welcomed by both patients and personnel on her round of visits. The little lady with the big basket would poll a vote of 100 per cent for any office for which she might be nominated, and for which her pet patients had the right of suffrage.

WAR BOND SALES

The Treasury said War bond sales from May 1 to May 29 totaled $615 million, while the quota for the month was $600 million. April sales were $536 million. The June quota is $800 million, and the goal will be raised to $1,000 million in July. The Treasury said 1,000,000 retailers throughout the country are being asked to sell war bonds and stamps equaling the value of four percent of total merchandise sales in July, or approximately $160 million worth.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

This week-end brought quite a change in the student personnel at the schools, almost a hundred men left the various schools with their certificates, and only a couple days later the new students arrived from Camp Grant, and are now well into their studies.

A new member has been added to the surgical section of the schools, Lt. Peter J. Bonanno, who will take over the duties of Captain Specker, who left about six weeks ago for, well, shall we say parts unknown.

Also two more enlisted instructors have been added to the surgical section, Pvts. Wendell Waite, and Frank Dudley are the two new men; these men were formerly students and showed such outstanding ability that they were retained as instructors. In addition to these men three other graduates that were retained are Pvts. Harvey Hablitzel and Robert Carroll, who will be in the administrative section, and Pvt. James Winkleman, who will be an assistant instructor in the medical section. Incidentally, these men are to be congratulated for their promotion to Pvts. First Class on the first of this month.

Now it comes out, the member of S/Sgt. Jennings' family, who arrived two weeks ago, has been named; the monicker is Jo Allyn and the little girl now weighs ten pounds and a quarter.

Lt. Andre Suppo, who has been with the dental section of the schools since their opening, has been transferred to the dental section of the hospital, where he will now put into practice what he has been teaching the last 14 months; taking his place in the section is Major Clifford Rudine, who was formerly at the dental clinic in L. G. H.

If anyone is interested in how not to play golf, just follow Sgts. Jennings Lyon and Delmar Carlson around the Presidio golf course on a Monday evening. It's quite a sight to see.

Congratulations to Nathan Edelstien and Donald Stone of the dental section, who were promoted from Technicians Fifth Class to Technicians Fourth Class on the first of this month.

COMING SOFTBALL CHAMPS CONTINUE TO WIN GAMES

Letterman Softball team won its second game in the second half of the Presidio League by defeating the strong 4th Army Headquarters team last Saturday night.

The masterful pitching of Powell was the highlight of the game. His fast delivery had the 4th Army team baffled throughout the game, and never once did they threaten. Letterman took the lead early in the game by scoring two runs on two walks and a single in the first inning. Powell put the game on ice for the locals in the second inning by smashing a long hard drive for a home run with Morey aboard.

Heads up ball was played by the entire team and in particular the infield showed class in handling the ball.

Since Windy West has once more returned to take over the managerial role with the club after a month-long sojourn in the hospital a new team spark of life has been kindled and it was sorely needed as was evident in the last three games.

Letterman	Pos.	AB.	H.	R.	E.
DeMello, c		2	1	1	0
Sidebottom, 3b		3	1	1	1
Evans, 2b		2	1	1	1
Layrer, sf		4	0	0	0
Craig, ss		3	1	0	0
Haverty, 1b		4	2	1	0
Carlson, cf		3	0	1	0
Peery, rf		2	1	0	0
Morey, lf		3	2	1	0
Powell, p		3	2	2	0
		29	11	8	2
4th Army					
Barani, sf		3	0	0	0
Johns, ss		3	0	0	1
Celmo, 3b		3	1	1	0
Caudle, 1b		3	2	0	0
Payne, c		3	0	0	0
Driscol, 2b		2	0	1	0
Shallenberg, cf		3	0	1	0
Gidelski, lf		3	0	0	0
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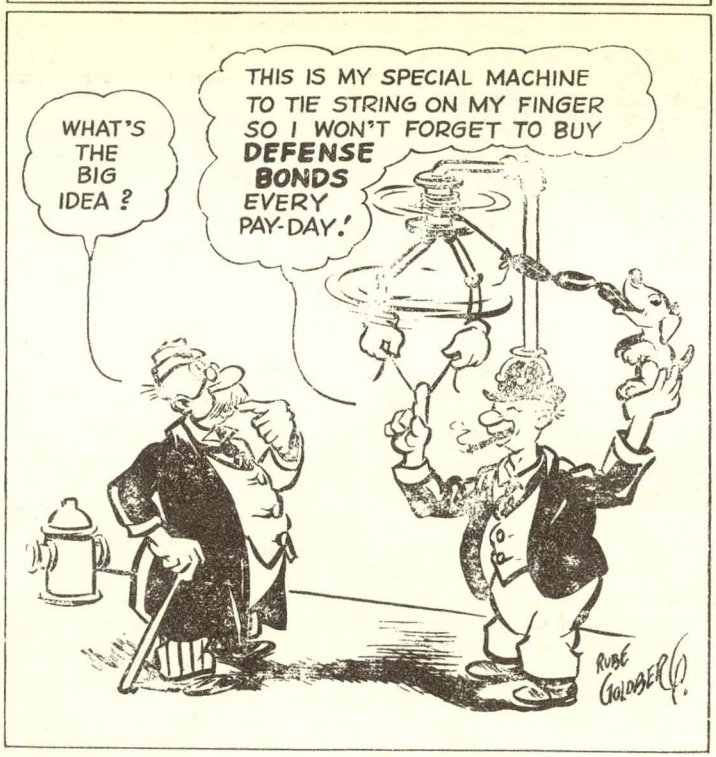
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The aluminum in 125 big juke boxes is enough for one fighter airplane.

Serve in Silence

BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY

ONE OF RUBE GOLDBERG'S INVENTIONS



Sons of the Sun Of Heaven Now in Total Eclipse

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, announced today (Monday) that the evacuation of the Japanese from all important cities in Military Area No. 1 on the west coast and into Assembly or Relocation centers was complete.

These cities include Tacoma, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and the entire bay area, San Jose, Sacramento, San Diego and Los Angeles.

The only persons of Japanese ancestry authorized to remain and at liberty to go about in these cities are persons employed by certain Federal agencies and their families. These must carry with them, at all times, means of identification. Citizens living in these coastal cities are requested to report, immediately, all Japanese without means of identification, to law enforcement agencies.

It was also reported by the Commanding General that, with the single exception of Yolo County, there were no Japanese not under surveillance in the California portion of Military Area No. 1.

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HOSPITALITIS

Everything happens to Murch — that's Private Murch, of Fort Ord, California. He was in the post hospital—recovering from exposure after swimming around in the Pacific for a couple of hours trying to locate the body of a drowned man. For this feat, one of unquestionable heroism, he was quite a figure among the hospital folks. Everything was nice and restful until a colonel walked up with a general in tow. Private Murch was reading. "This is the man, General Hospital," the colonel began, pointing to Murch. "General Hospital — Private Murch," he added. This was all quite confusing to the patient, but he answered: "Yes, I'll be in a couple of days." The colonel showed signs of impatience. He repeated: "General Hospital." To Private Murch these words meant an inquiry into his status at the hospital, so again he replied, "Yes, for a few days." Icily the colonel addressed the private once more: "This is General Hospital!" And sure enough, there in the station was General Hospital, U. S. Army!

The leak-proof gas tank on one big flying fortress requires 1,246 pounds of rubber.

Q. M. NEWS

The detachment has started a weekly drill period and all of the boys seem to think that it is a very good idea. The reason for this drill is that during these times each individual has to be able to co-ordinate his mind and body to meet any emergency that may arise, and drill is the answer.

IT'S A FACT: That a certain Tech. Sgt. is looking forward to leaving this station about the first of July for Officer Candidate School. We wonder who it is?

That we have potential officer material within the detachment for applications to attend the Officer Candidate School have been submitted by the following named enlisted men: Pvt. First Class Jack C. Shurtz, Private Richard M. Pearson and Private Kenneth L. Pieper. The men of the detachment wish each man the best of luck and may you all succeed.

Master Sgt. Brechtell has returned from furlough and has assumed his regular duties as NCO in charge of the Commissary.



To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Harry H. Torr, Hamilton Field, California, a daughter, Sharon Lee, weight eight pounds, fifteen ounces, born May 25th, 1942.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Preston E. Fullbright, San Jose, California, a son, Robert Preston, weight eight pounds, two ounces, born May 28th, 1942.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert V. Ball, Fort W. Scott, California, a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, weight eight pounds, born May 30th, 1942.

One of the Southern sikl throwing plants, idle since the freezing of silk stocks, is being converted to shell manufacturing.

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THE FOG HORN

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General DeWitt Relinquishes Command of LGH

In anticipation of the day on which he would pass from the active list of the United States Army, Brigadier General Wallace De Witt relinquished command of Letterman General Hospital on Friday of this week. The general celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday anniversary on June 1st and retires by operation of law on the last day of the month.

The old adage of "A job worth doing is worth doing well" could easily apply to the activities of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt while at Letterman, and pertains to every phase of the hospital here. No problem has been too large and no problem has been disregarded because of its small size; problems of every nature have been handled expeditiously.

Improvements which readily meet the eye are evident in the building program which has been under way during the last eighteen months, necessitating an expenditure of nearly half a million dollars. Back in the fall of 1940 the allotment for the construction of twenty-one new barracks in the field had been approved, and by February of 1941 those buildings were ready to accommodate the first group of selectees assigned to Letterman for duty. The Field Wards which had been used as barracks by the enlisted personnel were converted into field wards again; the gymnasium was renovated in its entirety and refurnished to become the Field Mess as we know it today. All facilities formerly termed "Field" have been re-named "East Hospital."

Not one but many irons have been in the fire in regard to the improve-

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WALLACE DE WITT

Brigadier General, United States Army

COLONEL WEED IN COMMAND AT LGH

In compliance with orders of the Secretary of War, Colonel Frank W. Weed, Medical Corps, assumed command of Letterman General Hospital on Friday, June 12, 1942.

Colonel Weed's prior station was with the First Army, for which he was the Chief Surgeon from the time of its organization until he was ordered to San Francisco early this month.

The United States will produce 352,000 tons of magnesium in 1943, according to present indications—an enormous increase over the 2,400 tons produced in 1938.

Col. McChrystal To Get the Air For Army Relief

Colonel Arthur McChrystal, former military attache in London and now stationed at San Francisco, will be the official Army announcer at the spectacular "Army in Action" program to be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Kezar Stadium.

Colonel McChrystal will not be new to the job, for he was for several years the "Voice of Kezar" on the radio and the stadium's public address system during athletic events.

It will feature the city's observance of MacArthur day, and proceeds will be contributed to Army Emergency Relief.

Preceding the Army maneuvers, which are being supervised by Lieutenant Colonel Leon L. Kotzebue, a "Cavalcade of Colors" honoring the United Nations will be presented under the direction of A. L. Vollman, producer of the "Cavalcade of the Golden West" at the 1939 and 1940 Fairs.

Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who deserve help, whenever and wherever such help is needed. In proper cases money will be advanced; in other cases medical care, or food, fuel and clothing will be furnished. Soldiers or their dependents can ask for help at any Army post, camp or air field, or local Red Cross Chapter, where full information will be available. When applying, dependents must give name, grade, serial number, organization, station, or last mailing address of the soldier.

GENERAL DE WITT RELINQUISHES COMMAND OF LETTERMAN

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ment of Letterman General Hospital, and even as the barracks in the field were being constructed General DeWitt's farsightedness activated more plans of formulation for approval.

Construction work on Warehouse C was begun, plans for Ward S-1 and new nurses' quarters were being completed, and the new Physio-Therapy building plans were under advisement.

Although knowledge of retirement in less than a year was ever present, future plans for the hospital moved smoothly under the guidance of General DeWitt. Plans to convert the N.C.O. quarters into a receiving station for members of the detachment on sick call, to resurface Sternberg Avenue, to provide an enlarged officers' mess in Building T-50, to strengthen the foundation of the Administration Building and install new plumbing, to construct a new power house, to add one thousand square feet to the library, and to make available a men's haberdashery for the enlisted personnel, as well as help relieve congestion in the P.X., are all a part of the plans of the General for the welfare of the post, plans which will be culminated after his retirement.

During the year of 1941 nearly three hundred thousand dollars was spent for maintenance and rehabilitation alone. On being asked the purposes for which that money was spent, Captain Wesley E. Covert of the Quartermaster Corps stated that the number of items are innumerable and range from the larger matters of constructing and enclosing corridors to facilitate the transportation of patients from ward to ward or building to building and protect them against the weather, to the smaller matters of the correct shading in paints for beauty and comfort, or the best type of wood to be used in the storm windows along the corridors to resist weather.

Captain Covert continued, "nearly all buildings on the post have been rehabilitated in one form or another, and the persistency with which the General foresees the need of construction and repairs accounts in a large measure for the reputation Letterman enjoys for the physical beauty of the post and smooth efficiency in which it is run." The captain then went on to enumerate some of those improvments: The bakery renovated to eradicate the germ menace so often attached to the old style bakeries; the Recreation Center floor strengthened and relaid; all field buildings strengthened; Post Exchange, Letterman Club, Service Club, Barber Shop, Medical Department Paint Shop, Hospital Mess, Operating Pavilion and Laundry have all been rehabilitated and modern equipment added to completely modernize these departments. Many departments have had entirely new sections added to facilitate handling of patients. The Laboratory has had Ward L-2 converted as an annex; the Dental Annex is also a new addition to the hospital.



BRIGADIER GENERAL WALLACE DE WITT, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, addressing a few words of congratulation to newly promoted Chief Nurses. Reading from left to right: General DeWitt, 1st Lieut. Pearl G. Nicolls of San Francisco, 1st Lieut. Florence E. Jacobson of Oakland, 1st Lieut. Vera S. Logan of Oakland, 1st Lieut. Helene M. Girodon of Arizona, and 1st Lieut. Orah D. Stephenson of Oklahoma.

A year ago General DeWitt had completed arrangements for the Special Service School, and from all over the Western Defense Area students are now sent here to be instructed in one of several specialized subjects that they will become stronger, more efficient cogs in the government war machine. In addition, the men are given actual training in the hospital, while under instruction, so that they return to their respecive outfits experienced as well as educated men.

To the average soldier the idea of any commanding general having any personal feeling for the enlisted men or the patient or general personnel seems fantastic, but the deep sense of feeling, and the care and comfort and welfare of each individual member of his command is of primary importance to General DeWitt. In the desire to provide more than is necessary for the well being of the members of this hospital lies the power of foresight in General DeWitt. To furnish the necessities is not enough. Consequently, in a large measure are we indebted to him for the beautiful grounds—really never appreciated until we do not have them—which are a source of aid and comfort to the patients. To many, a matter of rubber runners in the corridors seems trivial, but is appreciated when one walks on hard floors all day, and to the General we are indebted for this added comfort.

General DeWitt was born at Fort Steele, Wyoming, June 1, 1878, the son of Brigadier General Calvin DeWitt, Medical Corps, U. S. Army.

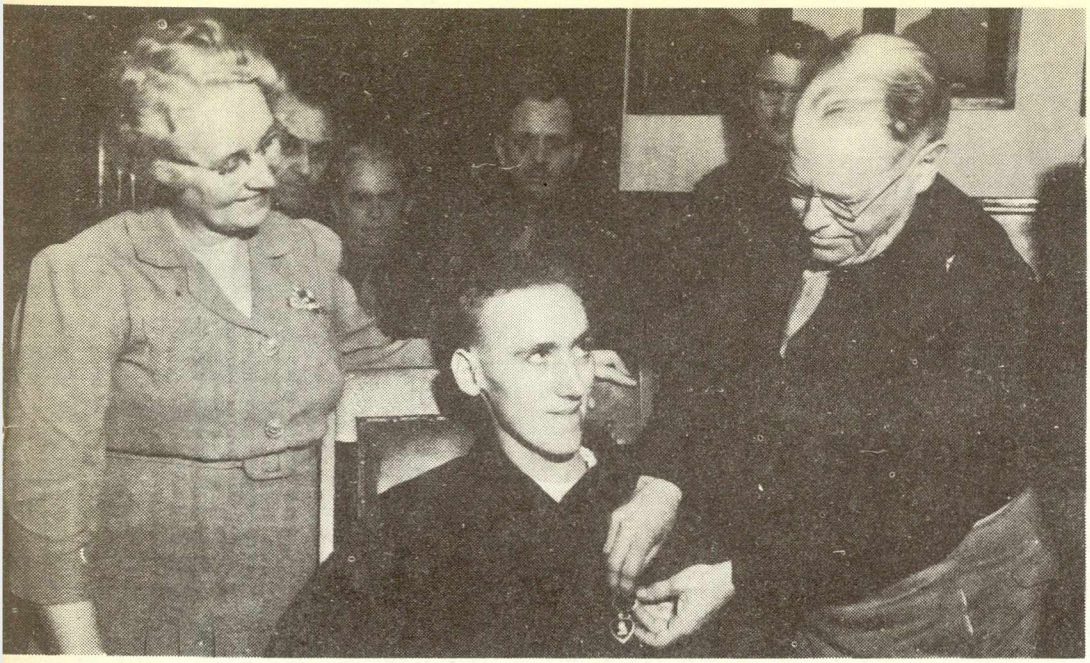
Due to the isolation of the army posts where his father served, General DeWitt received his early schooling at home and later attended Leavenworth High School. He matriculated at Princeton University with the class of 1898 and left there after two years to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. There he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1900.

After his interneship at the National Soldiers Home, Hampton, Va., the General was appointd Contract Surgeon and was sent at once to the Philippine Islands where he served two years and participated in the campaign against the insurrectionists in the islands of Samar and Marinduque. Afterwards he served at the Third Reserve Hospital in Manila and the Convalescent Hospital at Corregidor Island.

While in the Philippines, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and in 1903 returned to the United States and attended a course of instruction at the Army Medical School.

He later served at Fort Coster, New York, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., with a field hospital at the World's Fair at St. Louis and at Fort Washakie, Wyoming. In 1907 he re-

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WALLACE DE WITT pinning Purple Heart Medal for "Meritorious Service" on Private Paul E. Boyer while his mother, Mrs. Mabel Boyer, of Wierton, West Virginia, looks on.

Dental Assistants Hold Annual Meet In San Francisco

The annual meeting of the San Francisco Association of Dental Assistants was held on Tuesday evening at the Women's City Club at which the principal speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. Raoul D. Magana, attorney for the Mexican Consulate of San Francisco.

This meeting was also the annual "Boss' Night" when the doctors and their wives are invited to dinner as the guests of their employees.

The association has many of its members enrolled in the armed forces of the nation and Letterman Hospital has the honor of having the President—Miss Eulalia Beebee —on its staff.

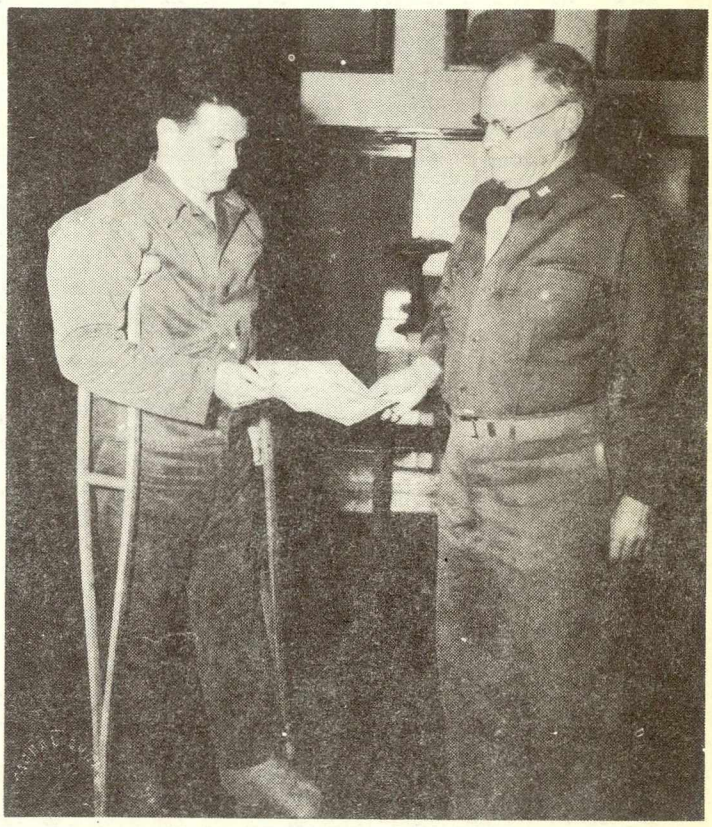
The association was formed in San Francisco 14 years ago and has for its object the promotion of efficiency in the profession of dental assistants.

BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS

BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY



MRS. ARTHUR FRIEDBURG is shown here receiving her diploma from Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt.



BRIGADIER GENERAL WALLACE DE WITT presents the first bonds of the Letterman Series to patient Tony H. Banchero. Banchero bought $600 worth of Defense Savings Bonds, to show that he knows his economics as well as his country's need.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

AU REVOIR

One of the things we hate to do is to write the words "Good bye," and that feeling must be general among all peoples, for in every language there is an equivalent expression conveying the thought yet taking the harsh edge away from the idea of separation.

This week witnessed the departure of Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt from this hospital where he has exercised command for the past two years, and there is not a soul in the garrison who looks upon his leaving with anything approaching finality.

During his tenure the General has been commanding officer, friend, counsellor, and guide to the personnel of the post. He has taken what amounts to individual interest in the welfare of the patients and duty staff and anything which would improve their lot or add to their comfort has had his hearty approval.

The administration of a military command of this proportion is a full time job. Regulations as laid down must be complied with to the letter, but the work must be done by human beings and our General has never lost sight of the human side in the functions of his office.

General DeWitt has earned the admiration, respect, and affection of the officers, nurses, enlisted men and civilians serving under him during the past two years, and "au revoir" seems to soften the pain of parting.

As he goes away it is not "good bye" but only "au revoir" and the best of our good wishes go with him.



Our official family was materially increased during the past week, and we take pleasure in extending a welcome to the following reserve nurses who have reported for duty at this hospital.

Miss **Myrtle Schultz** was born in Elm Springs, Arkansas, went to high school at Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and took up her professional training at the Fayetteville City Hospital in the same state. Since graduation she has done both private and general duty at Yreka, California, and immediately prior to entering active service she was on the staff of the Siskiyou County Hospital.

Miss **Angela Scaletta** was born in Franklin, Tennessee, attended the Cathedral High School at Nashville, and completed her high school course at San Jose High School, San Jose, California. She trained at the O'Connor Sanatarium at San Jose where she was graduated in 1940. Since graduation she had done general duty at the O'Connor Sanitarium and the Santa Clara County Hospital in San Jose, where her home is located.

Miss **Lillian Dixon** was born in the Live Oak District of Eldorado County, attended the Folsom High School at Folsom and trained at the Sacramento County Hospital where she finished with the class of 1941. Since graduation she has been on the staff of the Placerville Sanatarium.

Miss **R. Faye McCain** was born in Denison, Texas, graduated from high school in her native town and trained at the Parkland Hospital at Dallas, Texas, where she was graduated in 1937. She has done work on the staff of the St. Theresa Hospital at Beaumont, Texas, and the Ragland Clinic Hospital at Gilmer, Texas and the U. S. eVterans Hospital at Sawtelle, California.

Miss **Mary Evelyn Bonde** was born at Norman, Oklahoma. She completed her high school course at the Hawaiian Mission Academy at Honolulu and took her professional training at the St. Helena Sanatarium Hospital in Napa Valley. Since graduation she has done private duty in Los Angeles and has been school nurse at Walla Walla College.

Miss **Margaret J. Price** was born in Los Angeles, made her high school course at the Bishop School at La Jolla and took her professional training at Stanford Hospital where she was graduated in 1941. She has served as a staff nurse in surgery at Stanford Hospital and in the laboratory of the Palo Alto Hospital.

THE OBSERVER SAW

John Holoway and **Howard King** in their accustomed spot on the corridor waiting for their evening "coke" to be brought out from the P. X. Grill.

A post card from **"Tony" Traveline** depicting a spot of natural beauty said to be located in Lansdowne.

Miss Margaret Smith, formerly of this hospital and now at Minter Field, Bakersfield, visiting hereabouts and brown as the well known berry.

That newly married man. **Sgt. Dave Gimble,** walking home dutifully when the quitting whistle blows each afternoon.

1st Sergeant **Bergen** initiating a new deal for the patients at the Detachment Office and for once everyone seems to be satisfied.

Johnny Wolitarsky back at his old job in the P. X. Grill and things moving smoothly once again.

Betty O'Connor, of the P. X. Staff —walking—not running—for the car station at 5 p. m. For why?

A curious passerby wondering how the dietitians will look in the new WAAC uniforms.

Still some more good citizens buying bonds. Have you bought yours?

Do you know what one big toe said to the other big toe?

There are two big heels following us.

What did the fountain say to the faucet?

Hi, drip!

What did the needle say to the nudist?

Sew what?

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 14, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

LEWIS MESHERRY

Captain Lewis Mesherry, U. S. Army, retired, died at Letterman Hospital on June 6, 1942 after a brief illness.

Captain Mesherry served with the Quartermaster Corps prior to his retirement in 1927 and was for many years connected with the Army Transport Service. After retirement he settled in San Francisco where he became active in civic affairs and was also the managing director of the Army and Navy Club of this city.

Funeral services were held in the Post Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco on Monday of this week followed by interment in the National Cemetery.

Captain Mesherry is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Mesherry, and a daughter, Louise, who lives in San Francisco.

Chaplain Babst Visitor at LGH

Colonel Julius J. Babst, Ninth Corps Area Chaplain, was a vi itor at Letterman Hospital one day this week when he called on the Commanding General and the chaplains of the hospital.

Chaplain Babst is a veteran of World War I and wears the decorations for the Distinguished Service Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Croix de Guerre with palm, the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and the Medaille Militaire.

The chaplain was in San Francisco as a stopping place on a tour of inspection of the chaplains' activities of the seven western states.

What did one pink carnation say to the other pink carnation?

We're a couple of pink bloomers.

What did the woodpecker say to the tree?

Am I boring you?

BUCK OF THE WEEK



AUBREY M. CLARK

Former "ham" radio operator, pre-medical student, assistant mortician, butcher and presently Defense Bond clerk for the detachment, Pvt. Aubry M. Clark has ambitions in this man's army—his goal is a commission in the Air Force or in the Signal Corps, and he is preparing himself for both. Should the opportunity arise, Clark will not be found wanting, for his spare time is filled with the study of geometry, algebra and trigonometry. "As well as preparing myself for advanced radio study, I'm getting a good background for an engineering course after the war" he say, "and besides, I'm getting regular college credit for my correspondence studies, so even if I don't get a commission, I'm certainly not arresting my progress just because I'm in the Army."

Born in Port Huron, Michigan, in 1920, the following years found him traveling with his family through the south, later settling in Brown City, Michigan, where our Buck graduated from high school and attended Port Huron College, majoring in pre-medics and taking summer school work at Michigan State College. All the time he attended school, Clark found time to work in his father's store and earn his own way, keeping up high in his classes as well.

After two years at the home town college, he decided to take up osteopathic work, and so entered the Chicago College of Osteopathy, but left his studies last March to enlist in the Army at Chicago, from where he was sent to Camp Grant reception center. The following week found him at Camp Barkeley, Texas, undergoing medical soldiers basic training, after two months of which he was sent to Letterman, arriving May 16, 1942.

Radio communication as a hobby took most of Clark's spare time from his high school days to the present.

WELL DONE, NAVY

Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet in the Pacific, last week received congratulations on the success of his fleet against the Japanese in a radio message from Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army.

"All officers and men of this command extend hearty congratulations on the success of your forces, and desire to express their admiration for the gallant action of all arms in the decisive repulse of the enemy attack on Midway. May the final outcome be the enemy's annihilation."

SURGERY SUPERVISOR SHUNS SPOTLIGHT FOR SERVICE

Miss Frances Ewing is not only one of the busiest nurses at Letterman, but also one of the most "mysterious." When asked to divulge some information about her past experiences in civil and Army life to your reporter, she only replied, "Well, it's all been so bad, and I wouldn't want to tell you anything like that, so I just won't say anything," and though we tried for a good number of minutes—cajoling, pleading, demanding and finally threatening her—she just wouldn't divulge! Of course we know none of her past is bad, and we told her so as she bustled around Surgery seeing that things are running according to schedule and checking numerous records.

Finally seeing that we meant business, she stopped work for a moment to look up and say in one breath, "You can say I've been in the Army for eleven years and served at places like Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Riley, Kansas, and in the Hawaiian Islands. I've spent all my time in Surgery and I'm an anesthest and I was appointed First Lieutenant in April, 1942, and I've been here since February of 1940 and I won't tell you any more!"

She smiled all the time she was talking, just as she does anytime one talks with her, and though her words sound like those of any native Louisianan, the speed with which she gets out her sentences shows that she has spent a good deal of time above the Mason Dixon line.



FRANCES EWING
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A.N.C., Supervisor of Surgery

ON THE SPOT



Pfc. AUGUSTA RIGA

Although it is usually the rule to have patients enjoy life as much as possible while in the hospital, and laughter is more often than not prescribed in addition to the medicines, the nurse on ward C-2 is a little disturbed with PFC Augusta Riga, who recently underwent an abdominal operation, and so must control laughter as much as possible. But that in Riga's case would be like taking water away from a thirsty man, for Riga is one of those people who can manage to see a glint of humor in anything and enjoys nothing so much as a hearty laugh. "It's really a problem, this keeping a sober attitude," he says, "no matter how hard I try, when someone cracks a good joke, the laugh just comes out, even if it hurts!"

Riga is a member of "E" battery of the 211th Coast Artillery and before entering the hospital last week, was reckoned as one of the most accurate machine gunners of his outfit.

"Gus" as he is known to associates on the ward, was born in Rhode Island in 1922, but moved shortly to Hopkinton, Mass., where he graduated from grammar school and high school and won his letter in football. He also enjoyed swimming in his pre-army days, and broke wild mustangs in his spare time while employed on a large cattle ranch. His length of service dates from September of 1940 when he joined the Massachusetts National Guard and was called to active duty at Camp Uhlen, Texas for a period of fifteen months, after which he came to California. He considers the Coast "tops" for climate and scenery.

While the vigorous life Riga leads in the field does not allow him to continue his bronc busting hobby, he finds recreation at the various USO clubs and when the subject of "blondes" is brought up, he sits up and displays unusual interest.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week are in order for the following men: Robert F. Bergen, appointed First Sergeant Detachment of Patients; Lowell D. Jenkins and Charlie D. Layne appointed Sergeants; Francis Lake, Theodore F. Clark and Harold E. Ebel appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; Geddes E. Pickerell appointed Corporal; Harold DuGay, Walter C. Smith, Earl R. Underwood appointed Technicians Fifth Grade. The following men have been appointed Private First Class: David A. Stutting, Ford R. Wilson, Alvin R. Smith, Robert E. Sullivan, Joseph A. Roberge, Earl P. Morrison, Jack B. Mitchell, Willie E. Liles, Frank P. Farson, William J. Farina, Luverne D. Boland, Roy L. Harder, Orlo E. Hawk and Edward Hee.

Twenty-three new men arrived at the Detachment during the week and to these men we extend a welcome. They are: Michael J. Stefan, Sheldon Warshauer, Edward Blythin, Oran A. Watts, Charles P. Smith, Frank L. Haylock, Fred H. Holmes, Joseph P. Sansone, Harry A. Steed, Jr., Joseph L. Boyle, Robert J. Harrington, Arthur A. Johnson, Donald L. Schwab, Harry G. Thomas, John R. Cecil, Earl L. Hawkins, Phil Raymond, Horace M. Ulmer, Thomas M. Sergeant, Stewart G. Patience, William R. Hasse, John E. Burns and Harry Weingarden.

A marriage of interest to members of the Detachment was performed Saturday, June 6, for Technical Sergeant Dave L. Gimball, non-commissioned officer in charge of transportation, and Miss Lillian Day of San Francisco. The couple were married in Reno, Nevada, by Reverend Brewster Adams.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Clyde Lester all smiles, and saying "Everything happens to me! First a new baby in the family and then new chevrons to go with him."

Psychologist S/Sgt. Ralf W. Gustafson arguing with a pretty Sociology Major one evening and—coming home converted.

Sgt/T Lowell D. Jenkins of the operating room suddenly getting the wanderlust after 12 years service in that detachment.

Pvt. Howard F. Dover and Cpl. Leonard P. Bell and the eternal roller skates. Bell threatens to apply for limited duty if he doesn't soon reach "three spills a night" quota instead of anywhere from 6 to 20.

S/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin acquiring the name of "pappy" by the detachment members.

Cpl/T Gordon E. Dahlgren doing a pretty good job of "excelling" in nearly every sport—first it was golf, and now it is tennis.

Sgt. John Evans "Inspector Generaling" the Service Club each day.

Evidence of June and marriage in the air (some claim it's the new pay bill): Corporal Robert Bement planning to take the final step—likewise Sergeant George Edwards.

Pvt. Harold H. Blasdell getting himself "engaged" every time the fleet is **out**, and returning to a free man status when it is **in.**

S/Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson taking skating lessons every morning when he goes through the Service Club and hits the "wet wax—travel at your own risk!" section. And the Service Club detail group waiting—hopefully.

Pvt. John R. Miller giving Pvt. Chester J. White a "loaded" cigar and White in turn showing true army hospitality by presenting it to a visiting navy friend.



PICTURED ABOVE are three army nurses in field uniforms as worn on the battered slopes of Bataan. 1st Lieut. Josephine Nesbit, Chief Nurse, on the left, was stationed at Letterman before leaving for duty in the Philippines nearly two years ago. With Miss Nesbit in the photo are Captain Maud Davidson, Asst. Superintendent, and 2nd Lieut. Helen Hennessey.

Former Letterman Nurse Escapes From Bataan

Miss Mabel Stevens of Creighton, Nebraska, formerly on duty at Letterman General Hospital prior to her assignment to the Philippines, was one of eleven army nurses who arrived at Australia, it was announced last week. Miss Stevens and her companions were the last American women to leave the Philippines.

In addition to Miss Stevens there were Second Lieutenants Hortense McKay, Brainerd, Minn.; Mollie Peterson, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mary L. Moultrie, Woodbury, Ga.; Ruth M. Straub, Milwaukee, Minn.; Beth A. Veley, San Jose, Cal., Helen L. Summers, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Grace D. Hallman, Thomaston, Ga.; Leona Gastinger, Montgomery, Ala.; Nancy Gillahan, Danville, Tenn.; Lucy Wilson, Big Lady, Texas.

A new industrial process transforms old automobile and bicycle tires into elastic thread. One pound of old tubes, it is said, can be made into 3,760 yards of thread.

Dehydrated vegetables have only about one-fifth the weight of fresh vegetables and for that reason can be shipped more easily under war conditions.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Reese V. Scott and Peter J. Baldwin of the Dental and Laboratory schools respectively, who were promoted from First Lieutenants to Captains of the Sanitary Corps last Monday.

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Our new mail orderly, Pvt. First Class Robert Carroll, is right at home with his new job. Carroll used to be a mail clerk back home in Wisconsin and he really knows his business.

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Back from detached service last Sunday was Captain Haskell of the X-Ray section, reporting a very good trip, but glad to be back at his work.

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A new reading room has been added to the detachment barracks for the personnel, and we will appreciate and make good use of it in the future, as we have a good many book-worms in the schools.

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

The entire personnel and student body drilling and standing retreat on the parade ground. Your writer stands in this formation also, and it's a thrill to salute the Stars and Stripes at the end of the day.

S/Sgt. William Walker calling his car Hulda and petting the hood gently so she won't get temperamental and refuse to run.

Pvt. John Sherman instructing a couple of instructors in the art of ju-jitsu. Sherman is past master in this form of wrestling and can really throw the boys around.

The sun bathers, sleeping between the barracks, jumping and running when someone turns the sprinkler on them.

Sgt. Walter (Doc) Sanbor, giving a helping hand at the Sunday evening services in the Recreation Center by leading the singing and at the end giving a thought for the day.

And the little talked about S/Sgt. William Sink and Mrs. Sink, a very nice looking couple, stepping out last Sunday to have dinner in Chinatown.

S/ Sgt. Joseph Hodge running to the telephone on his nights on call to check in and have a few sweet words with Mrs. Hodge.



JUST MARRIED

LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A barber named Archibald Weedum
Said—"Here, Uncle Sam, if you need 'em,
Are all of my savings
From hair cuts and shavings
I'm buying Bonds and Stamps for freedom."



Trim a few dollars off increased earnings to help your country. Buy a U. S. Savings Bond every pay day.

For Bonds --See Chaplain Shuder

NABBED NIPPONESE NOT NOW NONCHALANT NOSEY NEIGHBORS

The evacuation of about 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal areas of Washington, Oregon and California and Arizona's southern frontier has been completed within the time designated by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt—completed without mischance, with minimum hardship and almost without incident, it was announced today.

It is an achievement without precedent in American history. Never before has military necessity dictated such a program.

It provided a test of what the Army could do in an hour of peril. By count 99,770 persons of Japanese ancestry were removed.

Many Japanese, Army authorities hold, are loyal to the United States. But the Army knows that many are not loyal.

"Contrary to other national or race groups," Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, who was in direct charge of the evacuation operation, told the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, "the behavior of the Japanese has been such that in not one single instance has any Japanese reported disloyalty on the part of another specific individual of the same race. . . . I think that this attitude may be, and can be, a most ominous thing."

What permanent economic effect this evacuation of a whole people from one area to another will have is not a military question, but the sociologist may find in this dispersal a field of speculation of what effect the evacuation may have in speeding up the absorption of the Japanese into American life.

General DeWitt stated briefly the purpose of the evacuation in his Public Proclamation No. 1 of March 2, 1942: "The entire Pacific Coast of the United States by its geographical location," he said, "is particularly subject to attack, to attempted invasion by the armed forces of nations with which the United States is now at war, and, in connection therewith, is subject to espionage and acts of sabotage, thereby requiring the adoption of military measures necessary to establish safeguards against such enemy operations.

The fact that Japanese tended to concentrate in relatively small geographical areas and in certain activities made their evacuation more noticeable than would have been the case if they were diffused.

This was particularly true of "Little Tokio" in Los Angeles, of the Western Addition colony in San Francisco and the settlements in Seattle and Tacoma in Washington and Portland, Oregon.

But this operation was of value to the affected communities in that they had a picture of an American Army moving in a democratic way even during the exigencies of war.

They had a picture of an Armerican Army at work. Army engineers building, in 28 days, shelter for nearly 100,000 people. In addition to shelter, building community kitchens and hospitals, and equipping them, providing devotional, educational, and recreational facilities. And when the assembly centers, as they were called, were ready, moving the nearly hundred thousand evacuees into them. All this without distraction from the war effort itself with the use of only a few hundred troops and only a handful of officers.

Those who witnessed the operation must ever retain a vivid impression of a necessary job done with all the decencies compatible with the task.

They will carry a picture that, but for the presence of a military guard, looked more like an excursion than an enforced removal.

The general impression was that the evacuees may not have been doing the thing they liked best to do, but they were doing the best thing they could do under the circumstances, and doing it cheerfully.

The Japanese, as an interracial and economic problem, have been with the Pacific Coast States for a long time.

Nearly half of the gainful workers among them engaged in agriculture. The remainder were occupied in various trade and service activities, in fishing operation and a small number in manufacturing and in the professions.

They tended to concentrate in relatively small geographical areas in Los Angeles, Orange and San Francisco counties and in the San Joaquin, Imperial and Santa Clara valleys in California, and in regions around Seattle and Tacoma in Washington and in the vicinity of Portland in Oregon.

Notably affecting their status were the Alien Property Act which forbade land holding by Japanese aliens and the Exclusion Act which stopped immigration.

Problems arising from the political or economic status of the Japanese were, of course, not the particular concern of the Army. But the presence of large number of Japanese in Western Coast concentrations assumed a menacing aspect after Pearl Harbor and the story of fifth column activities in Hawaii began to unfold.

Three principal dangers confronted immediately the Pacific Coast frontier—sabotage, espionage, and fifth column activities.

And the Japanese because of their number and their strategically located places of congregation, presented a group with a high potential for action against the national interest.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Clyde L. Lester, Finance Department, Letterman Hospital, a son, Steve Patton, born June 3, 1942, weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

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To Private and Mrs. Lawrence H. Franzwa, Coast Artillery, a daughter, Nancy Anne, born June 4, 1942, weight seven pounds, nine ounces.

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To Captain and Mrs. Lloyd E. Meade, Coast Artillery, a son, Lloyd Ellen, born June 5, 1942, weight seven pounds.

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To Captain and Mrs. Meredith Wilson, Air Corps, a son, Douglas Gordon, born June 9, 1942, weight eight pounds, one ounce.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

June 13th and 14th:
SUBMARINE RAIDER—John Howard and Margaret Chapman. Also Short Subjects.

June 16th and 17th:
SON OF FURY—Tyrone Power and Jean Tierny. Also Short Subjects.

June 18th and 19th:
TORTILLA FLAT—Spencer Tracy and Hedy LaMarr. Also Short Subjects.

GEN. DE WITT LEAVES LGH

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turned to the Philippines where he served at various posts and participated in the campaign against the Pulajanis on the Island of Leyte.

Upon returning to the United States in 1908, he was ordered to duty at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, and, after serving there for three years, was sent to the Hawaiian Islands where for three and one-half years he held the position of surgeon at Schofield Barracks. On completion of his tour at Schofield Barracks, he was ordered to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and later participated in the Mexican border mobilization of 1916.

At the beginning of the World War he was ordered to Fort Ethan Allen as surgeon of the Recruit Depot and from there to Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he was assigned to duty as Divisional Surgeon of the 83rd Division. He accompanied this division to France in 1917 and after several months service there, was promoted to colonel and assigned to duty in the Seventh Army Corps. While in France, he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Shortly after the Armistice, General DeWitt was ordered to return to the United States and again assigned to duty as surgeon at Camp Sherman, Ohio, for the period of demobilization and from there went to the Recruit Depot, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

In 1921 he was assigned as commanding officer, Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston and remained there until 1927 when he was ordered to command Letterman General Hospital. After four and one-half years duty at Letterman, he was detailed as surgeon, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, and as Professor of Military Hygiene at that institution.

In 1935 he was ordered to command the Army Medical Center including Walter Reed Hospital. Shortly after assuming this duty, he was promoted to Assistant Surgeon General with the rank of Brigadier General.

On completion of four years in that office, he was reverted to his permanent rank of colonel and returned as Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital. On October 1, 1940, he was promoted to Brigadier General which rank he now holds.

In 1904 General DeWitt was married to Bessie S. Foster, daughter of Lieut. Co. Fred W. Foster, Fifth Cavalry. They have one son, Lieutenant Wallace DeWitt, Jr., QMC, who is now stationed at Fort McDowell.

GENERAL AND MRS. DE WITT ARE DINNER GUESTS OF MISS KNIERIM

Miss Margaret Knierim, Principal Chief Nurse of Letterman General Hospital and Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, entertained General and Mrs. DeWitt at dinner on Tuesday evening in the Nurses' Quarters of the command.

Covers were laid for 32 at a long table in the very attractive recreation room. The beautifully appointed table carried out a color scheme of red, white and blue in garden flowers, clever decorations and place cards.

In addition to the guests of honor the following were present at the dinner: Colonel and Mrs. Weed, Colonel and Mrs. McMillan, Colonel and Mrs. Emerson, Colonel McKie, Colonel and Mrs. Berle, Colonel and Mrs. Gray, Colonel and Mrs. Streit, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ervin, Chaplain McKenna, Major and Mrs. Foley, Chaplain and Mrs. Shuder, Mrs. Dart, Mrs. Treuholtz, Miss Thompson, Miss Klemp, Miss Cuppy, Miss Newton, Miss Donelson, Miss Theilmann, Miss Mitchell.

PROMOTION FOR CAPTAIN DRAKE

A one hundred per cent native Californian, Captain James R. Drake celebrates his first anniversary in active service next month, but it will be only his second month as Captain, having received his appointment to that rank on May 27, 1942.

Capt. Drake was born at San Jose, California,, in April, 1915, but later moved to the nearby town of Mountain View where he attended grammar school and high school, participating in sports of football, baseball and basketball. Upon graduation, Capt. Drake entered San Jose State College and emerged four years later with his premedical studies completed and a bachelor's degree. He received his M. D. degree in 1938 from the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles and then spent a year as interne at Dwight Memorial Hospital in the same city. On completion of his interneship, Capt. Drake went east at attend the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, specializing in dermatology and syphilology. He returned to California in 1940 to practice his special study in connection wiih two prominent specialists in the same field, with offices in Los Angeles.



JAMES R. DRAKE
Captain, Medical Corps

It was during his year of interneship, September of 1938, that the Captain accepted a commission in the Medical Corps Reserve, and was called to extended active duty on July 2, 1941, with orders to report at this post, where he has been located since, serving as ward officer on wards five and six.

Capt. Drake is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and holds a membership in the American Academy of Dermatologists and Syphologists.

The recently appointed Captain enjoys clinical photography as a hobby in connection with his work, and is always a participant in any of the post officers activities, sport or social.

His leisure hours are spent at home with Mrs. Drake and their two-year-old son.

INTERESTING FACTS

A single machine for making center wing sections at one airplane plant now simultaneously performs 87 operations that formerly were done individually and by hand.

Keglers from LGH Hope To Do Better

Last week, May 27, saw the Letterman Bowling team win two games at the opening of the 875 Handicap League at the New Downtown Bowling lanes. Sgt. Henry Kuntz, the team captain helped the league get off to a smooth start, and as the anchor man helped the team get those few extra pins needed for a twin victory over the American Sedan Service. High scorer for the evening was T/5th Grade Frank Marano who knocked them over for a 566 count.

The June 3 series was not so successful for the Letterman team, as they lost two games to the Woldens Assessors from San Francisco by the difference of the handicap alone, Letterman having to spot them 31 pins each game. The first game was quite a thriller for those who witnessed the games because it saw Letterman jump way out in front by the almost endless string of strikes and spares. The game ended with a total pinnage of 960, exactly one hundred pins better than its opponent.

Box scores for the second game series were as follows:

LETTERMAN:				
Mottier	189	172	213	574
Wilcox	145	144	150	439
Shamrock	202	164	168	534
Yohe	236	162	184	592
Marano	188	173	132	493
	960	815	847	2622
WOLDEN ASSESSORS:				
O. Emanuel	170	163	161	494
E. Hamilton	169	167	166	502
W. Allen	157	152	147	465
W. Schmidt	183	177	182	542
W. Reed	181	144	191	516
	860	803	847	2510

With the handicap of 31 pins they annexed the last two games.

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New LGH Commander Has Long Record In Army Service

Colonel Frank W. Weed, last week, by reason of seniority, assumed command of Letterman General Hospital on the departure of General DeWitt for leave of absence.

Colonel Weed was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and attended the university of his native state, graduating from medical school with the class of 1903. A year later he was commissioned in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. At the beginning of the World War, Colonel Weed was assigned to duty with the 89th Division for a few months, and then to the office of the Surgeon General in Washington. He went to France in 1918, was assigned to the Chief Surgeon's office at Tours, where he remained until 1919. When he returned to the United States he was assigned to duty as district surgeon for the district of El Paso. In 1921 he was first detailed to work on "The Medical and Surgical History of the World War," and for eight years he was engaged in this duty, being editor in chief on the publication. He attended the Army War College in 1928 to 1929 and was then assigned to organized reserve duty.

In January, 1932, Colonel Weed was ordered to the Philippine Islands where he remained for three years. His first station in the island was at Fort Mills on Corregidor for a year. He next commanded Sternberg General Hospital in Manila for eighteen months, and during the last six months of his tour he was department surgeon for the Philippines. On his return to the United States he was assigned to the Military Academy at West Point, where he remained for four years. In 1939 he was appointed surgeon of the Second Corps Area, and in November, 1940, he became surgeon of the First Army, in which office he remained until removed to assume his present command.

Colonel Weed has the unique distinction of having been honored with the Distinguished Service Medal for highly meritorious service in three commands, namely, the 89th Division, the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, and in the Chief Surgeon's Office of the American Expeditionary Forces.



Colonel FRANK W. WEED
Medical Corps, United States
Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital

To provide special alloy steels for war needs, annual electric furnace capacity in the United States was increased from 1,491,000 net tons in 1938 to 3,738,000 tons this year.

More than 50 different articles made from rubber or rubber synthetics are used in the production of airplanes.

First of Veteran Nurses of Bataan Return Home

Eight members of the Army Nurse Corps, the first to arrive from the battered slopes of Bataan, arrived in San Francisco Thursday of last week and were at once admitted to Letterman General Hospital as patients. The duration of their stay at Letterman Hospital is indefinite.

Bomb strafed and some of them victims of malaria, the eight had ministered to the wounded soldiers on Bataan Peninsula in temporary hospitals, then fled to Corregidor a few hours before the surrender of Bataan, and finally left the Philippines by navy plane. For obvious reasons the details incidental to their manner of escape have not been made public.

They arrived wearing army nurse dress uniforms of blue which had been made for them in Australia. All of their personal belongings were left behind at Corregidor, and they literally made their escape with the clothes they had on their backs. Coveralls of khaki-colored cotton were the accepted mode of dress during the last days in Bataan.

They reported that all of the sixty-four American nurses in Bataan Peninsula managed to reach Corregidor before the surrender. They have talked at great length with newspaper reporters, and by this time their story is known to the entire American continent.

Those who arrived in this first group are First Lieut. Florence MacDonald of Brockton, Massachusetts; Second Lieut. Dorothea Daley of Hamilton, Missouri; Second Lieut. Eunice Hatchett of Lockhart, Texas; Second Lieut. Sue Gallagher, Pettersboro, Virginia; Second Lieut.

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FIRST 'ANGELS OF BATAAN' WARMLY WELCOMED TO HOMELAND

Late on Thursday afternoon of last week an army transport arrived and docked at a west coast port. Down the gang plank came eight army nurses. They wore the new dress blue uniform of the Army Nurse Corps, and at first appearance were just another group of nurses. They boarded ambulances and were taken to Letterman Hospital where they assumed the status of patients and prepared for a quiet first night in their homeland.

All was quiet until the newspapers learned that these eight ladies were a group who had escaped via plane from Corregidor the day before the rocky island fortress fell.

It was 4:00 o'clock in the morning when the phone began to ring in the quarters of Colonel A. B. McKie, Executive and Public Relations Officer of Letterman Hospital. It was the Associated Press, International News Service, or some of the local news services, from that time on until the Colonel went to his office at 8:30.

But the Colonel, in good army tradition, had an assistant public relations officer, and from that time on phone calls and telegrams and personal calls were shunted to the office of the latter.

The angels of Bataan had managed to get a fair night's rest when the deluge of calls descended. Arrangements were made with the news services for reporters and cameramen to interview the ladies at 1:30 in the afternoon. The press responded in numbers and for nearly an hour a battery of cameramen made photographs of the nurses. Following that for more than an hour the newspaper reporters interviewed the girls and made copious notes, and then came the newsreel cameramen. All of the nationwide newsreel enterprises sent their representatives to take both moving and sound pictures, and by 5:30 that afternoon it was thought that full coverage had been given to their remarkable stories.

The first newspapers with the news of their arrival had scarcely reached the streets when the telephone calling was resumed, and this time the callers were the mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts of the officers and men who were left on Bataan and Corregidor. Each inquirer realized that the chance of any of the girls knowing her loved one was small, but all were willing and eager to take advantage of the opportunity which might make that chance theirs. On Friday evening the heroic young nurses retired for a well-earned rest.



GROUP PHOTO of the repatriated nurses from Bataan. Taken the morning following their arrival from "down under." Left to right: Juanita Redmond, st Lieut.; Florence McDonald, Chief Nurse; Ressa Jenkins, Harriet G. Lee, Dorothea Daley, Mary G. Lohr, Eunice Hatchitt. Miss Sue Gallagher is not in photo but returned with the group.

The ordeal was resumed early on Saturday morning with requests from two of the major networks for personal appearances in programs aired across the country. Miss MacDonald, Chief Nurse, was in the van with her appearance on the program for the Army Hour on Sunday afternoon. Then four of the girls appeared on the program for the U. S. O. on Monday afternoon, and three appeared on the program arranged by the Blue network on Tuesday afternoon. In between times for those three days the nurses were gracious about speaking to any and every mother, wife, or sister when it was thought there might be a possibility of their knowing a loved one.

All day Sunday the constant stream of mothers and fathers, sisters and wives, sweethearts and friends called the hospital in the hope of just having a word with the now nationally-known heroic nurses.

Naturally, most of the callers had to leave without any direct word concerning their loved ones, but there were a happy few for whom the nurses could give a last minute account of a son or a father or a brother.

It was really touching to note the disappointment on the faces of some, and joy on that of others, depending on whether or not they would get no report or a report that was at best a month old.

One graying mother whose son was a radio man in the navy called to talk to the nurses. She had with her an official navy card in use for the men of that service. On it were printed certain stock phrases with the instructions to cross out the phrases which do not apply. In this instance her sailor boy, when sending her that card in December, had crossed out the words "I am sick in the hospital" and also the line "I am returning to duty." All this time that poor mother had interpreted that message to mean her son was sick in the hospital—all that time she had been worried about him, and on the occasion of her visit to Letterman Hospital, even though the nurses had no word for her, she left a happier woman when the significance of those crossed out phrases were explained to her.

In addition to the telephone calls and telegrams, each of the nurses received hundreds of letter sasking for possible information. It was obviously impossible for everyone of these letters to receive personal replies, but Miss Patricia Cummings, Assistant Field Director of the American Red Cross, came to the rescue and graciously provided three stenographers to assist in the work of

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FOUR HAPPY VETERANS OF BATAAN



HAPPY TO BE home again and their joy is quite evident. Left to right: 2nd Lieut. Juanita Redmond, 2nd Lieut. Dorothea Daley, 2nd Lieut. Ressa Jenkins, and 2nd Lieut. Mary G. Lohr.

Mr. Rankin Is Very Happy Over Pay Increases of Army

"I am the happiest man in Washington," said Representative Rankin of Mississippi immediately after hearing the Senate vote on the soldiers' pay bill.

"The Senate has adopted the conference report on the soldiers' pay bill carrying my amendment to raise the base pay of our enlisted men to $50 a month.

"The vote in the Senate was 69 to 0. The House approved it Monday, by a vote of 363 to 0.

"This ends one of the hardest fights of my entire Congressional career. For the first time in history, we will now pay the enlisted men in our armed forces somewhat commensurate with the pay being received by men outside of the service.

"Already it is having a splendid effect on the morale of these boys; and when the allotments are made that will go along with these increases, it will be a blessing to their dependents back at home.

"Every time I meet one of these boys in uniform I feel better because of having made the fight to bring them this measure of belated justice.

"The following table shows the pay enlisted men will receive under the new bill;

	Present Base Pay:	Base Pay Under New Bill:
1. Master sergeant; chief petty officer ..	$128	$138
1a. Acting chief petty officer, Navy and Coast Guard only	99	126
2. First or technical sergeant; petty officer, first class ..	84	114
3. Staff seregant; pettyofficer, second class	72	96
4. Sergeant; petty officer, third class.....	60	78
5. Corporal; seaman, first class	54	66
6. Private, first class; seaman, second class..	36	54
7. Private; apprentice seaman	30	50
Seventh grade men with less than four months' service	21	50

LICK THE OTHER SIDE
BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY

MORE ABOUT RETURNED NURSES

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sending a reply for every letter received.

We cannot praise too highly the heroic work done by these nurses under fire on the slopes of Bataan Peninsula or on Corregidor Island. Their story has been told in print and on the air lanes, and they merit every praise that has been accorded them, but we who have been behind the scenes and know how they react to all the glory that was theirs feel they are entitled to much more in the way of praise for their generous response to the appeals of the families of loved ones, for news about the boys who are still over there as prisoners in the hands of the enemy.

After four days of answering queries, Miss Dorothea Daley, one of the heroines, exclaimed, "I never realized until now how many people in the Philippines I **didn't** know!"

Unit Personneler Has Vacation Fun?

How one of four associates reports on her vacation:

"Dear Everybody:

Got stuck in a mud hole—walked sixteen miles into a mountain lake where a lot of cows chased me; had a three-inch steak—with great relish, thinking of the cows — caught a beautiful two inch trout and walked back sixteen miles to soak our feet in a mountain stream. Had a beautiful color combination from a bottle and won 25 cents playing blackjack. Having a wonderful time.

Ollie Cranert"

To keep employe morale high and to speed up production one company set up a table-type board in the factory and placed miniature soldiers on it. The soldiers are moved forward each week, and their position indicates the amount of work that has been done by each division in the plant.

BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY

Canteen Service Well Managed by Foreign War Vets

One of the very effective agencies contributing creature comforts to the men of the armed forces in this area is the Canteen Service of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California.

The actual distribution is done by veterans of World War I who have an abhorrence for cameras and are at their best when there are no news reporters in the neighborhood.

The work is supported by voluntary contributions and more could be done if more money was available. The extent of the activity of the Canteen Service is not made public for the reason the figures might be information to the enemy.

J. Rufus Klawans, prominent attorney, football official, and well known man in the community is the directing head of the Canteen Service.

Serve in Silence

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME

On behalf of the patients and duty personnel of this hospital it affords us pleasure to extend a cordial greeting to our new Commanding Officer —Colonel Frank W. Weed, Medical Corps, United States Army.

Colonel Weed succeeds to a command that is well organized, smoothly functioning and with a high state of morale. The first duty of a hospital is the care of the sick, and that objective is always to the forefront in the daily routine of this command.

Colonel Weed brings to the command an experience acquired over nearly forty years service as an officer of the Medical Corps, and a wide range of activity in supervisory positions in war and in peace.

We believe Letterman Hospital is fortunate in having Colonel Weed as its commanding officer, and we pledge him our fullest loyalty and support to the end, that the highest standards of efficiency in the performance of duty may be always maintained.

Welcome, Colonel Weed.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

June 20th and 21st:

THEY ALL KISSED THE BRIDE—Melvyn Douglas and Joan Crawford. Also Short Subjects.

June 23rd and 24th:

OBLIGING YOUNG LADY—Edmond O'Brien and Ruth Warwick. Also Short Subjects.

June 25th and 26:

GRAND CENTRAL MURDER—Van Hefflin and Patricia Dane. Also Short Subjects.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Master Sergeant **William E. Corley** —Bill to his buddies—doing all right as a patient on Ward M-1.

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Tom Belleu deserting the "coke" brigade for a train ride to Missouri and wishing he was on the way to Mississippi.

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Colonel **Ervin** wearing new "eagles" and receiving the congratulations of every one on the promotion.

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Miss **Marybelle Fraser** holding on to her sun tan to the envy of her paler sisters.

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Patrick Joseph O'Rourke, a fine broth of a boy, with jet black hair and a winning Irish smile, adding to the allure of C-1.

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The recent marriage of Dave Gimble had no connection with his divorce from the Quartermaster garage where he had been in charge for ages and ages.

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Sergeant **"Tony" Kaminski** watch the mail for the arrival of that retirement order.

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The finishing touches to the paint job on the extension of surgery and maybe we will soon have back the gold fish in the pond—but no frogs.

A young Japanese physician, trained in American hospitals, called forth all his skill to save the life of a Caucasian official at Manzanar Reception Center for Japanese, recently.

Stricken as he was supervising an induction of 1,000 new arrivals at the camp, J. Mervin Kidwell, service director, was rushed to the camp emergency hospital, manned entirely by Japanese doctors and nurses. His condition was reported critical by Dr. James Goto, hospital chief, who diagnosed the attack as acute lobar pneumonia.

Without the aid of an oxygen tent, Dr. Goto and his staff with the aid of the new sulfa derivatives had Kidwell on the way to recovery in a few days.

BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS



We welcome to our official family three native California girls, two of whom have been close friends since their days in training. and whose nursing careers have run almost parallel.

Doris Hitchcock was born in Stockton, California, attended the Stockton High School, and took her professional training at the Highland Hospital at Oakland, where she graduated in 1930. After graduating she did supervisory work at the Highland Hospital until 1935, and then spent eight months at the Steele Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Since returning to California in the spring of 1936, she has been on private duty and office nursing in Oakland, California.

Louise Bambauer was born in Newman, California, attended the Technical High School in Oakland, and trained at the Highland Hospital, graduating in 1929, four months ahead of Miss Hitchcock. After doing general duty and supervisory work at the Highland Hospital until the fall of 1935, she joined Miss Hitchcock in Denver, Colorado, doing clinic nursing at the Denver General Hospital. When homesickness for their native state became too much to bear, both girls returned to California in the spring of 1936, and from that time until the present Miss Bambauer has done clinic and office nursing in Oakland, California.

Jean Norton is a rare example of native San Franciscan: besides being born in San Francisco herself, her grandmother was born in this city, placing Jean in the class of a third-generation native daughter. After attending the Berkeley High School and completing one year at San Francisco State College in 1936, she took her professional training at Highland Hospital in Oakland, graduating in 1941. Since that time she has been at the Hollywood Children's Hospital, returning to San Francisco recently in order to enter the army nurse corps.

Another newcomer to the ranks of the Army Nurse Corps is **HARRIET CAMPBELL.** Born in Sloat, Plumas County, California, she attended the Oakland Technical High School, graduating in 1934. After attending the University of California for three years she took her professional training at the Sacramento County Hospital, completing her studies in 1941. Since that time she has done general duty at S. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada, and the Quincy Hospital at Quincy, California.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 21, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

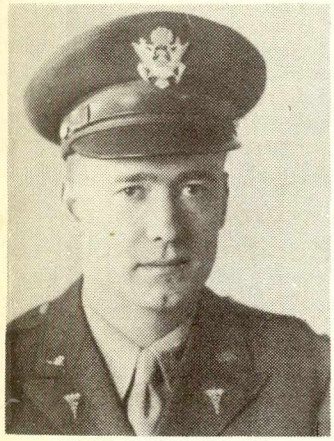
Applications for Insurance Will Be Handled in Order

Since the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Veterans Administration has received an overwhelming number of applications for insurance from men in the active service in the land and naval forces of the United States. These applications are handled in the order of their receipt and certificates are issued as evidence that the insurance has been granted are mailed for safekeeping to the insured or their beneficiaries in accordance with the directions contained in the applications. It will be appreciated that inevitably there would be experienced some delay in disposing of this extraordinary volume of new business. Every facility is being utilized to expand the insurance organization to meet this unprecedented situation.

Pending final action on these applications, those persons who have elected to pay premiums by direct remittances to the Veterans Administration should continue to remit future premiums as they become due or within the grace period of 31 days, without awaiting receipt of premium notices from the Veterans Administration in order to insure continuous protection and prevent the possible lapse of insurance. The vast majority of the applicants have authorized the payment of premiums by deduction each month from their active service pay, and these men should feel assured, that if their applications are otherwise acceptable, they and their beneficiaries are protected under the insurance.

PROMOTED

Captain Gordon C. Langsdorf came to Letterman on his first term of active duty on March 1, 1941, as a first lieutenant, after two years as a Medical Corps reserve officer, and won his double bars on May 7, 1942.



CAPT. LANGSDORF

Capt. Langsdorf was born in Salmon, Idaho, in November, 1912, but moved with his family shortly after to Vancouver, Washington, where he attended grammar school and high school. The sunny green hills of Stanford University beckoned to him and so he journeyed south and attended the university with the graduating class of 1935. On completion of pre-medical studies, the Captain took a step closer to home and entered the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland, and received his M. D. degree in 1938, joining the Medical Corps reserve at that time. Again California's advantages drew him southward, and beginning in the year of his graduation from medical school, the captain began his interneship and residency in internal medicine at Alameda County hospital in Oakland, California. He was still in residency there when called to active duty. As ward officer of Ward M-1 he is Chief of the Cardio-vascular-renal Section of the Medical Service.

California again dominated Captain Langsdorf's life in 1940, when he married the present Mrs. Langsdorf, a native daughter and a graduate of Pomona College. The couple reside in the Marina district and expect to announce an additional Langsdorf in July. The recently promoted officer is optimistically predicting a daughter, while Mrs. Langsdorf promises a son.

Captain Langsdorf is a member of Theta Kappa Psi, the professional honor society Alpha Omega Alpha, and is a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

His recent promotion to Captain was in recognition of his fine work and conscientious attitude in all his activities in the service.

WAACS WONDER WHY WOMEN WANT WAVING WINGS IN WARFARE

A report from Washington has it that the director of the new women's Army auxiliary corps finds her new uniform very comfortable, but she's having trouble saluting.

WAAC Director Oveta Culp Hobby, now that she's in uniform, salutes all Army officers and is entitled to the same courtesy from them.

"But this saluting is something new and strange to me," she said. "It feels very awkward. I can't remember to keep the thumbs straight, and I don't put my elbow out far enough in front. I suppose I shall improve as I get more practice."

She admitted she liked wearing her new uniform and she looked very comfortable in it as she sat at her desk in her carpeted office.

"I particularly like its feminine characteristics," she said. "It's comfortable and workmanlike."

Pretty soon the practical work of having WAAC officers out of those chosen from the thousands of applicants will begin. Unofficial estimates of the number who applied for officer's candidate school were around 35,000. They are being weeded out now through a series of regional examinations and only 440 will start the school a month from today at Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Hobby said the candidates would find little time for play during the three months of intensive work.

She listed the courses of instruction they will enroll in; military courtesy and ceremonies, military hygiene, military sanitation, inspection routine, care of clothing and equipment, drill routine, and administrative procedure, such as handling payrolls and personnel files.

They will attend seven classes a day, each 45 minutes long. And they will go to school six days a week. In addition, they will have a 45-minute drill period each day, which will be conducted by regular Army officers.

On Sunday they will be on "leave" only within the city limits of Des Moines, and will not be allowed to leave camp at other times except in emergencies.

Director Hobby will not attend the officers' school. She will handle WAAC administrative details in Washington, while Colonel Don C. Faith drills her girl soldiers at Ft. Des Moines.

Now in Washington to be with the WAAC director is her family. Her husband, former Texas Governor William P. Hobby, will spend half his time in Washington and half in Houston, where he publishes the Houston Post. Son William P., Jr., 10, and daughter, Jessica, 5, will live in Washington with their mother "for the duration."

ARMY ANNOUNCES ARKANSAS CAMP OF JAPANESE

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, announced Tuesday afternoon (June 2) that a reception center for relocation of Japanese will be located at Rohwer, Desha County, Southeastern Arkansas.

The announcement included a statement that selection of the site was predicated upon absolute military necessity, "in satisfaction of which relocation of evacuees in Federally supervised projects inland is imperative."

The center will be under supervision of War Relocation Authority, and it will be protected by Army military police. It will have accommodations for 10,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry from military areas on the Pacific Coast.

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Norman D. Coulter, CASC U 1932, San Francisco, California, a son, born June 12, 1942, weight eight pounds, six ounces.

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To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Carl Berglund, Hamilton Field, California, a son, Carl L. Berglund, born June 15, 1942, weight eight pounds, one ounce.

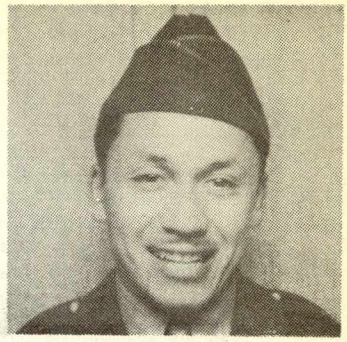
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To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Chester Barker, Fort Ord, California, a son, born June 16, 1942, weight five pounds, fifteen ounces.

What did the little skunk say when the wind passed it by?

It all comes back to me now.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ALFONSO G. VALLEJO
Private, Med. Dept.

This week's Buck, Pvt. Alfonso G. Vallejo, is on duty in the Mess Department of the hospital.

Private Vallejo came to Letterman in April of this year from the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was sent for training from his induction center in San Pedro, California. His induction into the army took place January 19, 1942, and according to Vallejo, he has enjoyed army life very much to date.

Born in Los Angeles, California, July 13, 1917, Vallejo spent the first six years in Los Angeles before moving to Somis, California, which is in Ventura County. It was in Somis that he obtained his schooling. During the summer months he worked with his father and brothers in the citrus farms in that neighborhood. When he completed his schooling, his adventuresome nature took him in hand and led him to many jobs in his search for the new and interesting. During the space of two years he saw most of the western coast country quite thoroughly—working until he had accrued funds enough at one place to carry him over to the next job in comfort.

On stop in his travels was at Oxnard, California, and he claims it was the most interesting stop in his journey. That interest was all in one Miss Emma Lopez, who subsequently became Mrs. Vallejo. They were married in Yuma, Arizona, September 15, 1941, and returned to Oxnard to make their home.

Private Vallejo enjoys an enviable reputation as a hard worker and efficient and important member of the Mess Department. His pride is in his work, and a visit to his own particular section of the Mess Department will give evidence of the diligence he employs to justify that pride.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

We have two fishermen in our midst, S/Sgt. Howard B. Dow, and Sgt. Donald E. Stone, gathered up their tackle and bait last Sunday, and set out for the docks to try their luck, the results were very successful, both returned with such a large catch they could hardly carry it home.

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Two of our hobbyists here are Capt. Reese V. Scott, and S/Sgt. Jennings Lyon, Capt. Scott, is an ardent stamp collector and Sgt. Lyon is a collector of rare minerals and gems, also among the various sports that are practised here are fencing, jui jitsu, ping pong, volley ball, golf, and baseball.

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The students and Non-Coms in barracks T-39 and T-40, have made this stay at home week, they all have taken the pledge to stay at home for one week, and go to bed early, we wonder why?

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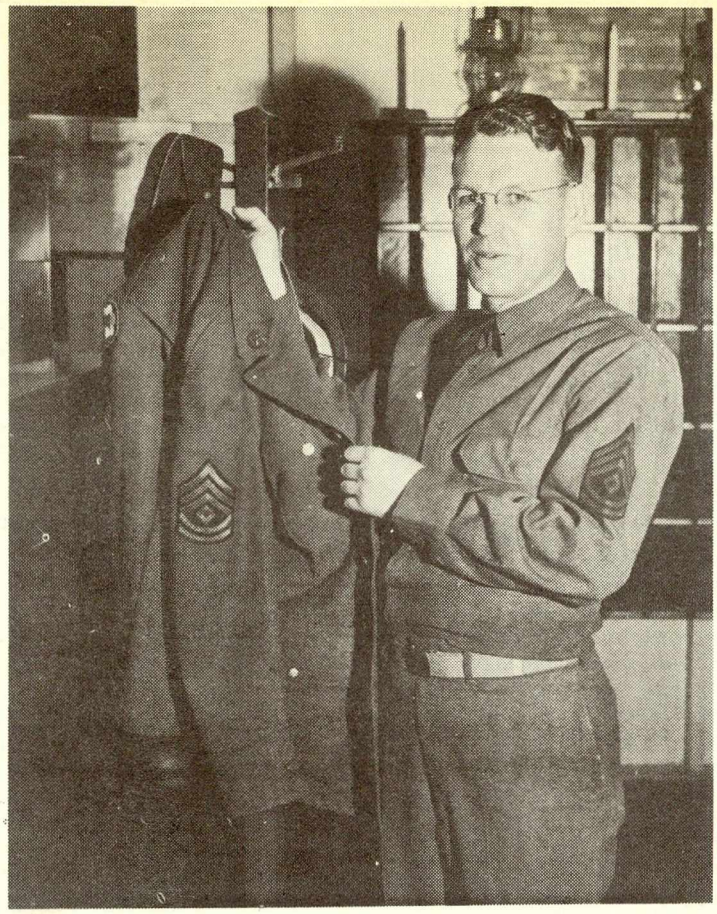
An informal gathering of the Officers, Enlisted personnel, and Civilian workers, was held in the school headquarters last Tuesday, to present 1st Sgt. Charles R. Reuther, with a gladstone bag, overnight case, and brief case, as a token of friendship, and faithful service in the schools, Sgt. Reuther, will be Second Lt. Reuther by the time this goes to print and will be leaving for a new station, we will all miss "Chuck" very much as he was the first enlisted member of the school detachment, and hardly a day has gone by without him lending someone a helping hand, or giving a little friendly advice with that genial smile of his, so the very best of luck, Lt. Ruether.

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

Major George C. Shivers, giving a lecture and demonstration out on the lawn, using our new portable public address system, it would come in very handy at a baseball game.

How well our lawns are kept by the students, who turn out every evening with hoses, and sprinkle for a couple of hours, and willingly too. S/Sgt. Selvey poring over his books till the wee hours, working hard to get that degree.



First Sergeant CHARLES R. REUTHER Of the Special Service Schools hanging up his coat for the last time before exchanging chevrons of a "Top Kick" for the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps.

EXPANSION PLANNED FOR NEW U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL AT MODESTO

Thirty-four additional buildings, estimated to cost $100,000, are to be erected at the new army general hospital now under construction at Modesto, 85 miles southeast of San Francisco.

This was revealed by Colonel L. R. Poust, commanding officer of the hospital, who received word from the war department a field general hospital unit will be established.

The unit will be attached to the general hospital for training purposes.

Colonel Poust said establishment of the training school will mean about 60 officers and 500 more enlisted men will be stationed there. There also will be additional nurses.

The structures, which are to be ready by October 1, will not be as substantial as the general hospital buildings since no patients will be housed in them, Colonel Poust said.

Work is progressing in the construction of the 1,500 bed hospital, which will cost an estimated $2,500,000. It is contemplated the work will be completed by August 1.

For the general hospital, there will be about 70 doctors, 160 to 170 nurses and about 700 enlisted men. There also will be a number of civilians employed.

Aerial photographs are being used to reveal defects in the fire drill precautions in shipyards, aircraft factories, and other war plants on the West Coast. Some of these pictures have divulged workers stopping to peek in windows to see whether there really was a fire.

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MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: T/5th grade Paul F. Rosa, promoted to T/4th grade; Pfc. Marion E. Gresham to corporal; Pvt. Vincent Pasquarillo, to T/5th grade—all these men received their advancement through outstanding efficiency in their work and well deserve the credit given by their promotion.

Sgt. John W. Evans, T/5th grade W. R. Cain, Pfc. "Billy the Kid" Gambril, Pfc. Edmund E. Kubiak, and Pvts. Donald Moxley and Byron P. Schism left on detached service last Wednesday and will return in the next few days.

Sgt. Rosco Willey enjoyed a brief stop at Salt Lake City while on detached service recently and returned full of vitality. He says it's the air that does it.

One new man reported to the detachment during the week—Pvt. Norman A. Bellas, from the reception center at Fort MacArthur.

Letterman bowling team is winning city-wide recognition as high-scoring outfit in its league. Sgt. Kuntz, Sgt. Wilcox, Corp. Mottier, Sgt. Yohe, and Corporal-technician Marano make up the squad.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Corporal "Snuffy" Benckert dreaming he was Gene Buck one night last week and actually getting up in his pajamas to hunt down a yodeling cat, but unfortunately, wasn't able to bring it back—not even dead. The animal was just too elusive.

1st Lieut. Vaughan showing up last Monday in a brand new uniform to say "goodbye" to everyone in the detachment—just as friendly to all as the days when he wore stripes instead of bars.

Sgt. George Edwards rushing in to the Chaplain's office at least once a day, just to make sure that "everything is all right" for Friday night.

Q. M. NEWS

None

None



RESSA JENKINS
2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps Native of Sevier County, Tenn. Professional training at Knoxville General Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn. Served on the staff of that hospital after graduation and later at New York Policlinic and Good Samaritan Hospital, and Queen of Angels Hospital—all in Los Angeles. Appointed to Army in February, 1940, and to Philippines in August, 1941, where she remained until her recent escape from Bataan.



DOROTHEA MAE DALEY
2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps Native of Hamilton, Mo., and graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City, Mo. Appointed to Army in June, 1938, and assigned to Fort Riley, Kans. and transferred to Philippines in June, 1941. Served at Fort Stotsenburg until outbreak of war and then to Bataan. Escaped by plane after surrender of Corregidor.



MARY G. LOHR
2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps Native of Greensberg, Pa. Graduate of Santa Rosa Hospital School of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas. Appointed Army Nurse Corps in December, 1936, at Fort Sam Houston and in 1939 to Manila at Sternberg Hospital. Later served on the Corregidor Island and to Bataan in the war. In company with other nurses escaped by plane.



JUANITA REDMOND
2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps Native of Swansea, S. C., and her training was taken at South Carolina General Hospital in Columbia, S. C. Appointed to Army in 1936 and served four years at Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. Transferred to Philippines in June, 1940, where she served at Fort Stotsenberg, and Sternberg Hospital in Manila until outbreak of war and then to Bataan until she escaped before the fall of Corregidor.

If You Don't Rate 'Em, Don't Wear U. S. Insignia

Warning against sale of Army insignia to unauthorized persons or by dealers not licensed by the War Department, was issued today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Several purchase of various Army insignia without proper identification of purchasers have been reported recently to Corps Area Headquarters. Several dealers who made such sales lacked licenses from the War Department.

Persons desiring to sell or manufacture Army insignia should apply to The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., stating whether authority for sale only or for manufacture and sale is desired. The continued sale of Army insignia, decorations, medals, and badges by a merchant who has not obtained a license from The Adjutant General is illegal and renders the merchant liable to prosecution.

RED CROSS FUNCTIONS

(Examples indicate in general the types of service the RED CROSS can render.)

At Personal Request of a Service Man or Officer

Arrange relief for distress of soldier's family.
Assist in locating soldier's family.
Assist in securing employment for member of soldier's family.
Advise soldier's family on welfare matters.
Assist in solving business problems of soldier or his family.
Furnish information on Government's program of insurance, allotments, pensions, etc., and assist soldier in handling any difficulties.

At Request of Commanding Officer

Investigate conditions for confidential information needed in considering questions of discharge and furlough.
Make loans to soldiers to visit home in cases of need (distress, sickness, death) after verification.
Secure information needed in considering questions of deduction from pay for payment of rent for soldier's family.
Help adjust personal or family problems affecting morale.

At Request of Medical Officer

Provide medically approved recreational activities for convalescents; also for hospital personnel.
Write letters for those unable to write and encourage a soldier's family to write.
Plan for vocational rehabilitation for men discharged for physical handicaps.
Make loan to patient when necessary for therapeutic furlough.
Assist discharged disabled soldier to establish himself in civil life.
Obtain medical-social histories of patients.
Keep family informed in case of serious or prolonged illness.
Send family details of soldier's death as advised by medical officers.

Old Chinese Custom

Ancient Chinese custom has presented an unusual problem to the Director of Inquiry and Information Service of the San Francisco Chapter. According to an officer of the



Chinese Six Companies, powerful family organization of San Francisco's famous Chinatown, many of the old-country women who wish to inquire about relatives cannot conform to the regulations which require them to call in person to fill out blanks. Custom forbids these women to appear on the streets. Information blanks, it is planned, will be delivered to the homes of the women; then turned over to English-speaking Chinese for translation.

Simmons Bed and Mattress Co. Too Hard for Keglers

Handicapped by 56 points in two out of three games, the Letterman bowling team met defeat at the hands of the Simmons Bed and Mattress Company last Wednesday evening by dropping the handicapped contests. The medics won the first game 585-523 to establish the large handicap, and although they led the match all the way in points, the margin given by the handicap was enough to drop the series.

Going into the fourth week of play finds the Letterman squad on the weaker side with only four wins out of nine games. However, there are 33 games yet to be played and the Letterman team is far from being out.

The Medic team is rated the strongest in the league, and consequently, is handicapped by spotting the largest amount of pins to its opponents at the outset. A special notice has been posted on the Downtown Bowling Lanes declaring Letterman the team to beat, as it holds the highest three game series with a total pin fall of 2639 and the highest individual game of 960. Sergeant Henry Kuntz has bowled the highest game of the league so far by a score of 242.

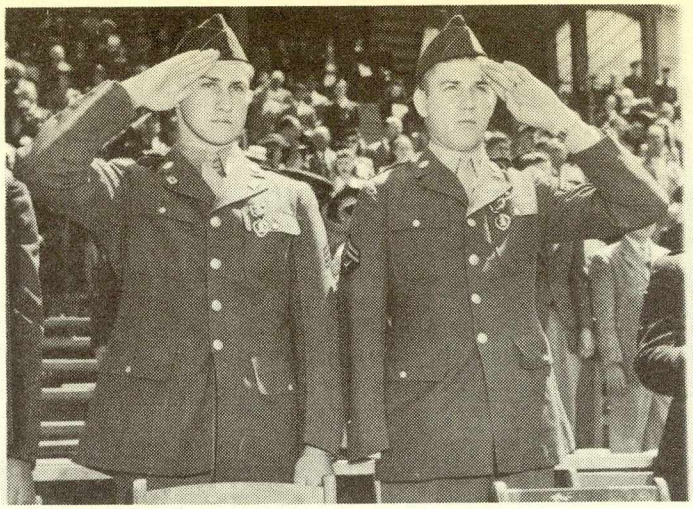
Corporal Paul Mottier, the 1940 City Champion bowler, continues on the upward climb increasing his average five to six points every game. He leads the league in high average with 189.

The team is averaging 872 now. Wednesday night's match might have been won were it not for the effort to reach the 900 point average. Letterman could have kept their score low and avoided the handicap, as the first game score determines which team will carry the handicap for the evening.

The results of the June 10th series follow:

LETTERMAN				
Mottier	202	212	171	585
Wilcox	148	128	167	443
Marano	184	154	201	539
Yohe	168	199	183	550
Kuntz	156	134	242	522
SIMMONS BED COMPANY				
Balletti	153	172	198	523
Guginu	146	153	179	501
Piazza	143	190	178	501
DeGuegovio	152	181	175	508
Darreguache	153	158	190	491

Serve in Silence



AT AN ARMY demonstration commemorating "MacArthur Day" at San Francisco, June 13, these two soldiers, wounded during the Pearl Harbor attack, salute as the colors pass by. Sgt. George Kissel, left, West Hampton, N. Y., and Corp. Noel E. Durbin, Decatur, Ill., both wear the Order of the Purple Heart. Corp. Durbin salutes with his left hand, since he lost the other arm in the Japanese attack.

FACTS ABOUT U. S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

War Stamps War Savings Stamps are sold in denominations of 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1.00, and $5.00 at post offices, stores, and other sales outlets everywhere. They are convertible into U. S. War Bonds.

War Bonds Series E War Bonds, designed primarily for small investors, yield 2.9 percent interest when bond is held to maturity. The smallest Bond costs $18.75 and is redeemable for $25 at maturity, 10 years after issue date. Other bonds cost $37.50, $75.00, $375, and $750. An owner is limited to $5,000 (maturity value) of Series E Bonds issued in any one calendar year.

Easy To Buy Series E Bonds may be purchased at most banks, savings and loan associations, and post offices; also, from the Federal Reserve banks and direct from the Treasury Department. Bonds are being sold by many organizations, including labor unions, and in offices, stores, and factories through the Pay-Roll Savings Plan.

Registered Bonds can be registered in the name of one individual, or of two individuals as co-owners, or of one individual and another person as beneficiary.

Safekeeping U. S. War Bonds may be placed in safekeeping, without charge, at the United States Treasury or at Federal Reserve banks.

Redeemable Series E Bonds are redeemable any time after 60 days from the issue date at a price equal to or greater than the purchase price, depending upon the length of time held.

Larger Bonds U. S. War Bonds Series F and G, which mature in 12 years, are designed primarily for organizations, trustees, and large investors. They are available in denominations ranging up to $10,000. Owners are limited to $50,000 (issue price) of Series F and G Bonds, either alone or combined, issued in any one year.

Three-Way U. S. War Bonds provide a simple way for every American to help win the war, halt inflation, and save for the future.

Dehydrated vegetables have only about one-fifth the weight of fresh vegetables and for that reason save valuable shipping space today.

Government Gives Girls Girdles For Girth Control

DES MOINES, IOWA: Two girdles, 10 pairs of panties and 16 pairs of hose will be included in the initial issue of clothing to each member of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

Here's what the quartermaster at Fort Des Moines, where the WAAC's will train, says they will be issued in addition to their uniforms.

Three pairs of anklets, one cotton bathrobe, one wool bathrobe, three brassieres, six rayon drawers, four wool drawers, two exercise suits, two girdles, one pair cotton gloves, one pair leather gloves, one pair leather lined gloves, one pair leather work gloves, six handkerchiefs, two service hats, one muffler, two neckties, one pair overshoes, two cotton pajamas, two flannelette pajamas, one raincoat, four dress shields, eight shirt waists.

Four wool undershirts, one pair athletic shoes, two pair service shoes, one pair barrack slippers, three slips, eigh pair cotton stockings, eight pair rayon stockings, one sweater, one utility coat, two bottles for lotion, one clothes brush, three tooth brushes, two shower caps, one comb, one soap holder, one sewing kit, one mirror, one pair sun glasses, four bath towels, one first aid kit, one emergency ration, and one canteen are also included.

"3 Score and 19 Years Ago," It Was Gettysburg

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., June—When the new USO clubhouse was dedicated here, an old man walked up to the hostess and asked: "This club is for soldiers, isn't it?" She said: "Of course." He came back: "Well, I'm one" —and showed a medal won at the Battle of Gettysburg, fought in July, 1863. He's "Pop" now to the soldiers of this war who use the USO club.

FIRST VETERANS

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Mary Lohr, Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Second Lieut. Harriet Gwen Lee, Great Barrington, Massachusetts; Second Lieut. Ressa Jenkins, Sevierville, Tennessee; and Second Lieut. Juanita Redmond of Swansea, South Carolina.

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BATAAN NURSES OREDERED TO DUTY IN WASHINGTON

The group of young nurses who have become nationally known as the "Angels of Battan" left Letterman Hospital late this week in compliance with orders from the War Department directing them to report to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

During their stay in San Francisco the young heroines relived the trying moments of the closing days of the campaign in the Philippines as they talked with mothers, wives, sisters, and other relatives of the officers and men who were serving over there. Day and night there were requests for personal interviews, long distance telephone calls, telegrams, and mail by the sack from all parts of the country bearing requests for information about loved ones who have been reported as "missing" since the flag came down at Corregidor.

The various news services, as well as the representatives of the local newspapers, had interviews with the nurses and the cameramen shot many a picture to accompany the stories of the writer. All of the national news reel companies recorded their presence for sight and sound, and they have been shown from a thousand screens since then.

Hundreds of relatives have had a word report concerning the well being of their menfolk up to the time of the surrender of Bataan, and it was truly remarkable that the nurses could remember so many of the men by name and some incident that made their recital personal.

Miss Mary G. Lohr was the first of the returned nurses to leave for the east and she went by plane 48

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Colonel HUMPHREY N. ERVIN, M. C.
Assistant Commandant of the Special Service Schools of Letterman General Hospital.

First Group of Warrant Officers Stationed Here

The first group of Warrant Officers to work at Letterman Hospital as members of the detachment arrived last week to assume duties as assistants to heads of various departments of the hospital. The six new officers bring the total number of warrant officers attached here for duty to seven. Mr. John B. Barr is the original warrant officer on the post.

Mr. Thomas R. Edwards is now Assistant Commander of the Detachment of Patients and reported for duty from the Presidio of Monterey on June 20, 1942.

Mr. Irwin Glick assumed the duties of Assistant Unit Personnel Officer under Captain George A. Ekman on June 22, 1942. He reported here from Ft. McArthur, California.

Mr. Earl J. Jennings, now Assistant Commander, Medical Detachment, works under Captain Lemmuel R. Williams. He reported here on June 22, 1942, from Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

Mr. Norman D. Rice reported from Camp Roberts, California, June 19, 1942, and assumed duties on that date as Assistant to Captain Douglas S. Throwell, Supervisor of Police and Personnel .

Mr. William P. Kreitz has been assigned Assistant Post Exchange Officer under Lieut. Louis F. Arnone, and reported here from Camp Callan, California, on June 19, 1942.

Mr. Charles J. Shively was assigned to the Mess Department under Captain Lester J. Sawyer, Mess Officer, after reporting for duty from Ft. Ord, California, on June 20, 1942.

All Warrant Officers now serving on the post hold junior grade warrants.

LONG JUMP IN JAVA MERITS CITATION FOR LIEUT. BOUND

"Lieut. Bound's conduct in the engagement reflects great credit upon the military establishment" is the modest closing phrase of Lieut. Gene L. Bound's citation for heroism displayed in an aerial dogfight with the enemy off the island of Bali last February, in which the lieutenant bagged two Jap zero fighter planes and later had his own pursuit plane shot out from under him at 5,000 feet.

Lieut. Bound, a patient here at Letterman for the past month, was awarded the Silver Star as well as Order of the Purple Heart, by Lieut. General George H. Brett in Australia for his action with the enemy.

"On February 7th, Lieut. Bound in a formation of nine P-40's took off from Bali to intercept enemy planes" the citation, which was presented to him at the time he was honored by the general, reads "while still climbing and at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet, they were attacked by eighteen or twenty zero fighters. One enemy plane came between Captain Lane (one of the formation) and Lieut. Bound, and was fired on by Lieut. Bound, who forced it to pull off Captain Lane's tail. Later, two Zero fighters were coming up under another P-40 when Lieut. Bound attacked one and definitely destroyed it. In the ensuing action the plane of Lieut. Bound was destroyed at 5,000 feet and he was forced to jump at an altitude of 3,000 feet." (Lieut. Bound stated that he waited in his plane until it fell through scud clouds before bailing out, thus getting protection from the clouds against the following Jap plane which tried to follow him in the air, firing his guns at him.) "With the enemy still firing on his plane Lieut. Bound made a delayed jump, opening his parachute at approximately 1,000 feet, landing in a tree where he hung for about forty-five minutes before being rescued by natives. The harness of the parachute was split, causing a severe injury to Lt. Bound's shoulder when the chute opened." So ends the terse statement.

The formation of enemy planes appeared just as the pursuit patrol was preparing to take off, the lieutenant stated, so the Japs were naturally at great advantage, but nevertheless, the patrol got into the air and although the ensuing dogfight began with our outnumbered planes on the defensive, the superiority of our pilots soon changed the tide of battle, and within a matter of minutes, American pilots had maneuvered into the offensive position.



Lieut. GENE L. BOUND
United States Army Air Force

Asked what the feeling was to take off against such great odds, the young officer replied, "You just realize that it's either him or you, and you try your damnedest to make it curtains for him."

"The Japs are good fighters and good pilots," he went on, "and they have good ships, but none of them fight with any imagination or initiative—once their leader is gone, they will generally all turn back and hit for home, no matter where they stand in the fight. In that particular dogfight they had odds of two to one, but as soon as we shot down four of their number, they were beaten off.'

Lieut. Bound described his most uncomfortable moment of the battle after it was all over and he found himself hanging in a tall tree with his chute snarled in the limbs and a very badly bruised shoulder which resulted from the delayed opening. "I was hanging there with a terrible pain in my shoulder, and not able to help myself. After awhile some natives came along, but I had to make it known I was an American before they would come up to help me down—and that took about twenty minutes. It was kind of funny, now that I look back on it."

Lieut. Bound is a young, good-looking Texan, and anyone might surmise so from his pleasant drawl, but there is nothing to set him apart from other officer patients as he walks through the hospital, in spite of the fact that his singular experiences make him a hero, and an invaluable fighter in the Air Force.

Lieut. Bound is an alumnus of Southern Methodist University, and joined the Air Corps two years ago, receiving his training at Santa Maria, Moffett and Stockton Fields, later seeing service at Hamilton Field before going overseas eight months ago to Java, Bali and Australia as a pursuit pilot with the A. A. F.

When told he was to be transferred to another hospital, the ace pilot replied, "Go to another hospital? I'm going back to duty if I'm going any place!" But the lieutenant's shoulder is still out of shape from his delayed jump which left him hanging in a tree, and requires a little more treatment before he can be marked "duty"—which is his greatest wish right now.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

JUNE 27th and 28th:
KING'S ROW — Ronald Reagan and ANN SHERIDAN. Also Short Subjects.

JUNE 30th and JULY 1st:
ALWAYS IN MY HEART—Walter Houston and Gloria Warren. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 2nd and JULY 3rd:
KENNEL MURDER CASE—William Powell and Mary Astor. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 4th and JULY 5th:
MEET THE STEWARTS — William Holden and Frances Dee. Also Short Subjects.

WORKERS AID ARMY RELIEF FUND

A very pleasant surprise came to the Commanding Officer of the Presidio of San Francisco very recently, in the form of a check for $344.75 for the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

The check represented the combined donations of Clyde Wenzel, Henry Sullivan, Allan Cross, Luciano Monterrosa and William McBride. Further than that, these men asked that the donation be made in the name of the International Association of Machinists, San Francisco Lodge No. 68.

To cap the donation, came a letter from these men, pledging their further support, and told the men to carry on for victory.

The money was very gratefully received because of the fact that it can be of such great use to soldiers in need in emergency cases, such as casualties, caused by combat, or accidents, hardships caused by sudden changes of station of units or individuals, or any of the number of emergency financial cases which are incident to the military service.

Radio Broadcast Of Bataan Nurses Heard Everywhere

One afternoon last week the voices of three of our recenty returned nurses from Bataan were heard over the air waves on a coast-to-coast broadcast originating in radio station KGO of the blue network in San Francisco.

Expressions of interest and appreciation on that program have come from all parts of the country, and it was thought it might be of interest to our readers to know a little more about the details incidental to the arrangement of such a program.

The original step was taken when Bill Baldwin, Director of Special events for the blue network in San Francisco, phoned in to ask if it would be possible to have some of the Bataan nurses speak to the nation over the air lanes. Permission was granted, after consultation with the nurses, and plans were made to assemble the material for their talks.

It was decided to have the program take the form of an interview and a conference was arranged between Mr. Baldwin and the three nurses, Miss Redmond, Miss Daley, and Miss Jenkins.

An office was set aside for their use during the conference and Mr. Baldwin arrived prepared to go to work, bringing his own paper and carbon, asking only the use of a typewriter. The group gathered around a desk and for the next hour and forty minutes there was what appeared to be a general conversation, but out of it all emerged the script for the program as it was later heard by thousands—maybe a million—of Americans.

An innocent by-stander who might have been a kibitizer was surprised to discover that after what had seemed to him a very long time in conference, when a trial reading of the script was made, it was clocked at seven minutes in length. The conference was resumed, and in a really short time after that the full fifteen minutes had been placed in order.

It should come under the head of acquired knowledge to one who had watched the script in the making and then heard the program that same afternoon as it came through the radio sets located in the hospital.

It was the story of heroic deeds very simply told, but it is believed that the unseen audience was gripped with the drama of the situation and the lack of fanfare in the recital served only to emphasize the magnificent stand put up by our armed forces and the personnel of the Medical Detachment who are serving in the Philippines.

The blue network through Mr. Baldwin very generously prepared a transcription of the program which was later broadcast over the public address system of the hospital so that any who missed it on the first presentation over the radio network might hear the story for themselves.

Conclusion is that from now on we will have a greater appreciation for the painstaking care and high ability which goes into the making of a radio program.

BATAAN NURSES ON THE AIR



IN THE STUDIOS of the Blue Network—Station KGO of San Francisco—three of the heroines of Bataan were speakers on a coast-to-coast program arranged by the Bureau of Special Events. Left to right: Juanita Redmond, ANC; Bill Baldwin, Director of Special Event Programs for the Blue Network; Ressa Jenkins, ANC; Dorothea M. Daley, ANC.

APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING AS GLIDER PILOTS BEING RECEIVED

Applicants between their eighteenth and thirty-sixth birthdays without prior aerial service may now be accepted for enlistment for glider pilot training, provided they are able to comply with the physical and mental requirements, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

To qualify for enlistment, applicants must be able to pass, or have previously passed either the Army general classification test with a minimum score of 110, or the aviation cadet test with a minimum score of 65, and are required to pass the physical examination for flying, given by a flight surgeon, as Class 2 or better. Both the physical examination and classification tests will be given prior to enlistment.

Qualified men may be accepted for enlistment by recruiting stations and recruiting officers of Aviation Cadet Boards and be furnished transportation to one of the Air Force stations designated for enlistment of glider pilots: McChord Field, Washington; Salinas Army Air Base, Salinas, California; Air Force Base, Salt Lake City, Utah; and March Field, California.

The Ninth Corps Area's quota for enlistment by June 22 is 200. Enlistments above this quota will be credited against future quotas.

The training course includes flying light planes. A limited number of selected graduates in each class will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenants, Army of the United States. Other graduates will be appointed Staff Sergeants on flying status.

Lieut. Glass Here

Another "first" was recorded at Letterman this week when Lieut. Gage E. Glass, Infantry, was assigned to duty at this hospital. It is the first time an Infantry officer has been on the staff of the hospital. He will be assistant to the Provost Marshal and Police Officer.

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EDITORIAL

ANGELS OF BATAAN

During the past week the heroic young nurses, refugees from Bataan, who had been with us for ten days, left by train for Washington.

During their stay here they demonstrated the high qualities which fitted them for Bataan by the gracious manner in which they met with and talked to mothers, wives, sisters and other relatives of the men who remained when Bataan and Corregidor fell into the hands of the enemy.

It was obviously impossible for the nurses to know every man, but they were eager to extend to families over here whatever consolation their remote contact with the men still over there might afford.

Talking with sorrowing mothers and wives day after day demanded stamina and courage—moral qualities always found in fighters—and the Angels of Bataan had plenty of both. In all parts of our country there are hearts a little lighter for the soothing words of the young nurses.

They could truly say to the men of Bataan and Corregidor "The deaths ye have died I have watched beside and the lives ye lived were mine."

May their sister Angels on high ever guard them.

One steel company gives cigars and cigarettes to departments establishing production records. Workers decided to pool their winnings and send them to buddies in the services. Last month's production record means 10,000 packages of cigarettes for fighting ex-steel workers.

What did the phonograph say to the record?

You sure do get around.



The recruits keep pouring in, and this week it is a pleasure to welcome to our ranks two additions to the nursing staff.

Miss Carol Williams was born in San Francisco, attended Sequoia High School in Redwood City and had her professional training at St. Luke's Hospital, where she was graduated in 1940. She subsequently did private duty at St. Luke's Hospital and general duty at the University of California Hospital. She was sworn into the Army Nurse Corps on June 16, 1942.

Miss Audrey Osterhus was born in Brooklyn, New York, and went to high school at the Burlingame High School, taking her professional training at Children's Hospital in San Francisco. She had post graduate work at Stanford and Alameda County Hospital. She later went to New York where she did general duty at St. Luke's Hospital, as well as private duty throughout the city, and at the same time took further post graduate studies at Columbia University. Returning to the west coast, she was on the surgical staff at the Community Hospital at San Mateo, and for the past fourteen months on the surgical staff of the University of California Hospital.

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Congratulations are in order to two of our associates who have been promoted to Chief Nurses—Miss **Sara C. Brogan** and Miss **Ida E. Peschon.**

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Chief Nurse **Mary K. Cuppy** and a group of nurses have left here for temporary duty at Camp Stoneman.

Another addition to the staff who is not a recruit is Miss **Clara Oberg,** who was born in Merrill, Wisconsin and completed high school in her native town. She took her training at the Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, and after graduation was supervisor in the same hospital, and then had 18 months with the Chicago Visiting Nurses Association. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in January 1941, and assigned to the General Dispensary in Chicago where she remained until April 1942, then assigned to Pendleton Field, Oregon, at the Station Hospital until she joined the staff at Letterman on June 22, 1942.

THE OBSERVER SAW

"Tex" **Tyre** back from his furlough and looking well satisfied and right on his heels **Sid Davis** with the same story.

Luella O. Parsons, known to people far and wide as the woman who knows most about the stars of the screen, making an early Sunday morning visit to the hospital.

Ernest Haack enjoying the garden and no longer looking like the snow man of six weeks ago.

The **Bataan Nurses** in constant demand for interviews and always gracious about granting time to mothers and wives and sweethearts of the men left over there.

Jim Marshall, international traveller and writer for "Collier's," dropping in for a bit of a story—and getting it.

Lieut. Kay passing out the cigars in celebration of the arrival of Jon Anthony, who weighed in at seven pounds three ounces.

The sun dial a little bit off the beam for the afternoon hours.

Warrant Officer Decker and his bandsmen giving one of their excellent concerts for the patients.

Chaplain **Harry A. Shuder** ready and willing to talk bonds at any hour of the day or night.

What did one tired broom say to the other tired broom?

Let's sweep.

REMEMBER THE DRIVE FOR SCRAP RUBBER

BRING YOURS TO THE POST EXCHANGE FILLING STATION

PROCEEDS TO USO AND RED CROSS

HELP LETTERMAN MAKE A SHOWING

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 28, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

AWVS Remembers Personnel of LGH With Tickets

Members of the Army Nurse Corps and that of the Medical Detachment on duty at this hospital have reason to be grateful for the kind thought of the American Womens Voluntary Services which prompted the donation of twenty tickets to the premier showing of "Eagle Squadron" at the Orpheum Theatre on Wednesday evening of this week.

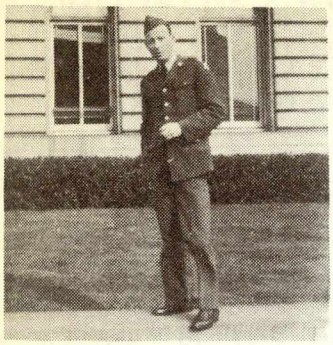
Tickets for the exhibition were sold only to purchasers of War Bonds and the producer of the picture, Walter Wanger, bought $25,000 worth of bonds and handed the tickets to the AWVS for distribution to those in the military service.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF IS NOW AVAILABLE

Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who **deserve** help, whenever and wherever such help is **needed.** In proper cases money will be advanced; in other cases medical care, or food, fuel and clothing will be furnished. Soldiers or their dependents can ask for help at any Army post, camp or air fiield, or local Red Cross Chapter, where full information will be available. When applying, dependents must give name, grade, serial number, organization, station or last mailing address of the soldier.

A Chapter of the Army Emergency Relief is now functioning at this post and is prepared to receive and act on all applications for such relief. Requests should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ROLAND O. STANDLEY
Private, U. S. Army

June 7, 1939 found a new recruit in Uncle Sam's Army in the person of Roland O. Standley who left the Recruiting Station at Houston, Texas for assignment to foreign duty in the Hawaiian Islands. This assignment took him to Schofield Barracks, Detached Service in the Medical Corps of the 98th Coast Artillery. At the end of this two year foreign duty tour Private Standley was transferred to Fort Lawton, Seattle where he remained a month before being assigned to Letterman Hospital in October, 1941.

A son of the Lone Star State "Stan"—as he has always been called—was born and raised in Lufkin, a town situated in the eastern section of Texas and where paper manufacturing furnishes the livelihood for most of its inhabitants. His education was completed at the Lufkin High School and instead of going to work in the Paper mills as suggested by his father, Stan made up his mind to take up welding. This he did; and shortly after completing a course in welding he went to work for one of the large oil companies in that section of the country and worked in that capacity until enlisting in the Army.

Pvt. Standley is on duty in the cast room and his experience as Ward Attendant on the Surgical side of the hospital coupled with good native ability and an interest in the work have produced a capable and efficient cast room technician. A typical Texan—Stan not only looks and sounds the part but acts it as well. He is a tall well-knit man with a modulated speech drawl (when he does talk) and a characteristic of letting the other fellow do the talking, but when there is work to be done Stan usually is deeply engrossed in his work by the time the other fellow arrives on the job.

GENEROUS ALLOWANCES FOR FAMILIES OF ENLISTED MEN SET BY LAW

The following statement from the office of The Adjutant General is quoted for the information of all concerned:

"The Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, now enacted into law, will provide for the payment of monthly government allowances to dependents of enlisted men in grades 4 to 7, both inclusive. These allowances are divided into Class A and Class B, and include the following categories. Under Class A, soldier's contribution, which must be deducted from his pay, is $22 per month and is mandatory. Beneficiaries coming within this classification are (A) wives, to whom the government will pay $25 per month, (B) wife and one child, to whom the government will pay $40 per month with $10 for each additional child, (C) no wife, but one child, to whom the government will pay $20 per month with $10 for each additional child, (D) former wives, divorced, to whom alimony is still payable, $20.

Under Classification B soldier's contribution is at the option of the soldier and requires a deduction of $22 per month from his pay. Coming under the classification are (A) parents, grandchild, brother or sister, who are dependent upon the soldier for a substantial portion of their suport; the government will pay $15 for one child, $25 per month for two parents, $5 for each grandchild, brother, or sister.

If both Class A and Class B payments are desired, a deduction of $27 per month from the soldier's pay is required.

Allowances may accrue from June 1 for men in the service from that date. However, initial payments to the parents will not be made prior to November 1.

Since payments may accrue from June 1 for those who were in the service from that date, it is essential that monthly deductions of soldier's contribution be made beginning with June pay of all soldiers from grade 4 to 7 inclusive, who were in the service from June 1 and who intend to apply for the payment of June allowances.

For men in grades 4 to 7, both inclusive, who entered or enter the service after June 1, and who intend to apply for payment of allowances monthly deductions of soldiers' contribution must be made beginning with the pay for the next succeeding month after entry into service. In the event of subsequent disapproval of applications for payments refund of deduction will be made. Application forms will be distributed as soon as possible after passage of law.

In meantime, organization commanders will accept and hold informal written applications to establish a date of filing application and for making monthly deduction on payrolls and enter such date in service record. Voluntary allotments of pay will be discontinued or adjusted where necessary so as to insure that soldiers pay, exclusive of possible court martial forfeitures, will be sufficient to meet his contribution deduction and permit him to have a credit of at least $10 per month on pay day.

In cases where a soldier in grade 4 to 7 inclusive has a Class E allotment running for the support of a dependent and cancellation of that allotment is necessary in order to make the deduction from the soldier's pay for the dependents allowance, the following notation will be made on the reverse side of the cancellation form "payment to continue through September, 1942, under this allotment and the total so paid from date of cancellation through September, 1942, is to be deducted from the first payment under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowances Act."

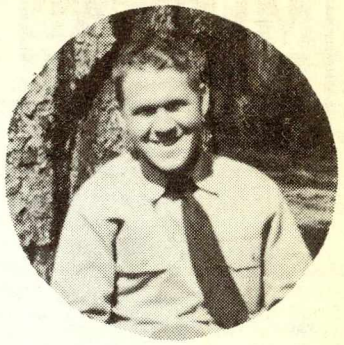
This procedure will permit payment to be made of the same amount as previously allotted to dependents for the period June through September, 1942, and at the same time clear payroll of the Class E allotment deduction and thereby protect dependents until family allowance payments start after November 1."

FIVE LETTERMAN OFFICERS NAMED FOR PROMOTION

Orders received during the past week from the War Department at Washington announce the promotion of five officers of the staff of Letterman General Hospital to an increased rank. Majors Oscar F. Nolan and George C. Shivers were advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; Captains William F. Cutts and Clinton B. Ervin, Jr., were advanced to the rank of Major; and Second Lieutenant Benjamin J. Kingwell was advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant.

All of the above officers will remain on duty at present stations.

ON THE SPOT



RALPH FOGARTY
U. S. Army

"Just because I'm in here for treatment of ingrown toe-nails, don't think I'm a goldbricker," says Pfc. Ralph Fogerty, patient on Ward B-2. He says that somewhat belligerently, and he can't be blamed, for Ralph's outfit moved out last week, leaving him stranded here—"and I wanted more than anything to get out in the field, too" he mutters to himself.

Ralph is member of a crack infantry outfit that moved recently to parts unknown and is afraid he'll have to join another outfit. "But I wont care, as long as I get a chance to get overseas," he says.

Our soldier with the yen to see some action was born in San Diego, California, and differs from all other native southern Californians in that he thinks "Northern California is swell!" Before entering the Army in May of 1941, Fogerty graduated from high school, attended San Diego Army and Navy Academy and worked five years as salesman and clerk for a large oil company.

The funniest thing he remembers since joining the army was a speech given by the Mayor of Klamath Falls to his outfit en route to maneuvers last year. "The Mayor said we could yo-hoo at every girl in town if we wanted to—he said Klamath Falls girls enjoyed 'yoo-hooing.' "

Fogerty is a graduate of Fort Ord's training school in heavy field weapons and is a crack line soldier: aggressive, alert and tough, and has had guard duty all over the state. "But please don't tell anyone I have ingrown toe-nails" he pleads, "it sounds silly—besides, I've been telling everyone I'm getting treatment for a strained muscle!"

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for: Lyle J. O'Connell who was appointed Technical Sergeant, Alfred A. Baer, appointed Staff Sergeant, Pvt. John Dean who was appointed Tech. Fifth Grade, and Pvt. Joseph Roberg, appointed Corporal .

Two members of the Detachment, Staff Sergeants Karnig Anooshian and Alfred A. Baer, selected to attend Officers Training School in the Medical Administrative Corps will report not later than July 3rd. Staff Sergeant Anooshian will report at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and Staff Sergeant Baer will report at Camp Bakeley, Texas for an extensive three month training course which, if successfully completed, will net each of these men the gold bars of Second Lieutenants. We wish them both success.

A wedding of interest to Detachment members was performed for Sergeant George Edwards and Miss Beverly Maria Smith Friday evening, June 19th by Chaplain Harry A. Shuder in the Post Chapel at Letterman. Attending the Bride and Groom were Miss Josephine Perelli, Maid of Honor and Sergeant Richard E. Phillips, Best Man. Mrs. Edwards is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, San Jose, California.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Letterman enlisted personnel (practically en mass) taking over at the Larkspur Bowl Dance Pavilion last Saturday night. A few of the members with their dates were: S/Sgt. Ralph Gustafson, the Sergeant Jasper Martins, Sgt. Albert Hansen, S/Sgt. Alfred A. Baer, Sgt./T Roland Caisse and Pvt. James Gleason.

Wedding Bells in July for Corporal Gerold Gorby and Miss Marian McFaddon of the Registrar's Office.

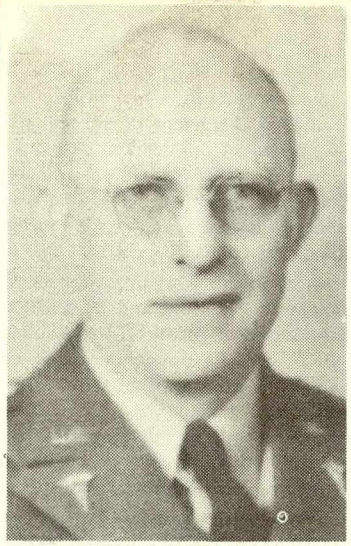
Sgt. Earl Libby keeping a cat in Barracks T-32 with ? ? ? results. Comes 3:00 a. m. and Sgt. Libby hies himself down stairs with a bottle of milk in his hand to quiet the cat.

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., and Sgt. Arthur Harris all decked out and on the way to the Follies.

Greetings to all from M/Sgt. Jefferson Casserly down at Palm Springs.

BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY

PROMOTED



OSCAR F. NOLAN
Lieut. Colonel, M. C.

Lieut. Colonel Oscar Fred Nolan, who was advanced to that grade last week, was born in Mansfield, Louisiana, and went to high school at Rayne in his home state. He received his Bachelor of Science at Southwestern University, and his degree in medicine at the University of Texas.

After graduation he worked with Dr. Alfred Folsom of Dallas, Texas, for some time and later came to San Francisco.

He was first associated with Dr. George Lee Eaton, Chief of the Department of Urology at the Southern Pacific Hospital, and succeeded to this office on the death of Dr. Eaton. Colonel Nolan has also been urologist at St. Francis Hospital and consulting urologist at The French Hospital. He was certified by the American Board of Urologists in 1936.

Colonel Nolan was appointed a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve in 1927, became a captain in 1934, and a major in 1941. His rank as lieutenant colonel dates from June 22, 1942.

How Years Pass!

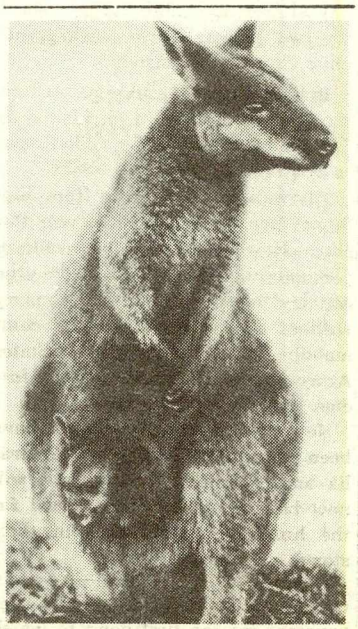
Strains of "Happy Birthday to You" as played on a tinkling music box emanated from the usually busy and business-like office of the Civilian Personnel last Friday. Investigation disclosed that the music box was on the inside of the very special birthday cake which was presented to Miss Esther Grobler in honor of her birthday. She also received a typewriter eraser and guard.

NEW ASSISTANT TO CHIEF NURSE



MARTHA A. SMITH
Chief Nurse, 1st Lieut., A.N.C.

Miss Martha A. Smith, chief nurse recently assigned to duty here at Letterman as assistant to the principal chief nurse, is a native of Beaver, Oklahoma, made her high school course at Aztec, New Mexico, and took her professional training at St. Luke's in Denver. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on June 15, 1935, and served at Fitzsimons General Hospital, the Station Hospital at Fort Warren, Wyoming, and Tripler Hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington. She was appointed to chief nurse and first lieutenant October 1, 1941, and her last assignment prior to Letterman was at LeMoore Air Base, California.



A sight some of us may be seeing soon. Australian Wallaby with "Joey" in pouch.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Congratulations are in order this week for the following Officers: Humphrey N. Ervin, Assistant Commandant of the schools, promoted from Lt. Col. to a full fledged Colonel; George C. Shivers, Chief of the Surgical School, promoted from Major to Lt. Colonel; Benjamin J. Kingwell, Chief of the Pharmacy School, promoted from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. M.A.C.

The following men have been selected from the new graduating class to remain and become regular members of the school personnel: Pvts. William L. Vandewater, Francis L. Rowlands, Harris L. Hitt, Verner A. Wertsch, Daniel J. Mahoney, Jr., Thomas B. Winborne, Dudley P. Cook, Henry O. Pezzella, George Hoppel, Donald Farling, John Shea. A cordial welcome to the Detachment men.

This week is graduating week for over 100 students, these men will be leaving very shortly for different hospitals in the country, but the schools will not be idle for long, as we have an equal amount of students coming in a day or so after they leave.

We have a new face in our detachment office, none other than one of our new members, Pvt. Harvey Hablitzel, who will take up the duties of our former Company clerk, Tech. 4th Grade Alfred Rozadilla, who is attached to the hospital for special duty, in the Unit Personnel office.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilhelm upon their marriage last Tuesday. John, or Pvt. Wilhelm as he is known here, is a student at the surgical school, and his bride is the former Mary Jane Marshall, of Wampum, Penna.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

The wonderful response in making allotments for the purchase of Defense Bonds by the students, and at the time some of them were making only $21 per.

The stampede of men coming home at five minutes to eleven at night, practically undressing on the way so they won't miss that eleven o'clock bed check.

Gen. Emmons Warns Civilians To Quit Paradise Isles

HONOLULU—Warning that the United States victory over the Japanese in the battle of Midway "has given many people a false sense of security," Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons urged all non-residents to leave the Hawaiian Islands as soon as possible.

Although American air and naval forces early this month routed the largest fleet Japan ever sent across the international dateline in what may have been an attempted invasion of the United States West Coast, it is dangerous to assume the enemy will not return, said General Emmons, commander of the Hawaiian department, U. S. Army.

"The outcome of the battle of Midway has given many people a false sense of security," Emmons said in a statement. "Nothing can be more dangerous than such an attitude. To assume the enemy will not return in force and utilize every weapon at his disposal is the most dangerous kind of wishful thinking.

It is important to our war effort that all civilians, especially all non-resident women, children and dependent persons who are not engaged in essential war work, make plans for evacuation to the mainland and depart as soon as possible.

"I urge all non-residents who are not needed in war work to place their affairs in shape and depart for the mainland as soon as space becomes available. Practically all Army and Navy dependents have been evacuated."

TWINS

The long-legged bird descended on the household of Captain and Mrs. Walton M. Edwards on last Saturday, and left behind twin bundles from heaven—a boy and a girl, Walton Meredith, Jr., and Wendy Melilyn Edwards.

Up to the time of going to press mother and babes were doing well and the captain wasn't walking on egg shells, he was just tip-toeing about.

BE PATIENT!!!

In view of the large number of Class A Pay Reservation being received daily, no inquiries concerning receipt, etc., of Forms 29-5 and 30-5 should be made prior to 90 days from the date such forms are transmitted, nor with respect to non-receipt of bonds prior to 90 days after payment for the first bond to which subscriber is entitled has been completed.



EUNICE C. HATCHITT

Miss Hatchitt was born in Prairie Lea, Texas, and graduated from Lockhart High School in the town of that name in her native state. Later attended College of the Incarnate Word at San Antonio and took her professional training at the Memorial Hospital in Houston, Texas. Appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in 1936 and assigned to Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she served for four years. Sent to Philippines in February, 1940—served at Ft. Stotsenburg for one year, at Sternberg Hospital for one year and then to Bataan at the outbreak of war. Escaped by plane to Australia.



HARRIET G. LEE

Native of Great Barrington, Mass., and graduate of training school of the Sibley Memorial Hospital of Washington, D. C. She took post graduate work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and was later on the staff of Columbia Hospital in Washington. In 1936 she came to the nursing staff of Letterman Hospital as a CCC nurse and in 1940 she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps. In 1941 she was assigned to the Philippines and given station at Fort Stotsenburg where she remained until moved to Bataan late in December of that year. She was at Corregidor after Bataan and escaped by plane.



SUE DOWNING GALLAGHER

Native of Petersburg, Virginia, and a graduate of the University of Virginia Hospital School of Nursing. Appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in 1938 and assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., where she remained until 1940 when she was sent to the Philippines and stationed at Fort Stotsenburg. Late in December, 1941, she went to Bataan, and later to Corregidor whence she escaped on April 29, 1942.

Dan Cupid Done In, As Our British Cousins Would Say

The point on Cupid's dart was dulled last week when the War Department directed that no military personnel on duty in any foreign country or possession may marry without the approval of the commanding officer of the United States Army forces stationed in such foreign country or possession.

Newspapers' correspondents have been reporting weddings in Australia and Northern Ireland, and will now have to seek new material for the human interest angle in their stories.

Why are the Japs like the silk stockings they used to sell us?

A couple of good yanks and they run.

LETTERMAN KEGLERS MANAGE TO WIN TWO OUT OF THREE MATCHES

Wednesday night, June 17, the Letterman Bowling team emerged the victor by winning a double-header from the Natividad Cigar Company and losing the last game by the 50 pin handicap alotted them.

The Medics wore their brightly colored bowling shirts, for the first time, and it was belieived this was the reason for their win from the smoke makers.

Sergeant Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the Medics with a 569 triple, pulling a fast one on the team by bowling a practice game at the Lincoln Bowl and won the San Francisco Chronicle high game of the day award by knocking them over for a 247 game the night before.

Sergeant Walter Yohe still managed to get in his 200 or more game each week. T/4th Grade Wilcox apparently shook off his slump by rising above the 500 mark. The last two weeks were quite disastrous for him as he dropped his average from 171 to 154 in six games.

Corporal Paul Mottier dropped his average to 181 by bowling a 499 series. T/5th Grade Marano barely held his own with this week's low record of 493.

The results of the June 17 series follow:

LETTERMAN				
Mottier	190	160	149	499
Wilcox	172	191	144	507
Marano	172	165	166	493
Yohe	212	162	173	517
Kuntz	198	208	163	569
NATIVIDAD CIGARS				
Szekely	181	131	179	511
Ducine	179	187	169	535
Bloomfield	157	153	157	467
Brenner	167	192	165	524
Lucey	228	163	181	572



To Sergeant and Mrs. Milton J. Schowalter, Fort Funston, California, a son, Milton DeWayne Schowalter, born June 18, 1942, weight eight pounds, six ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Truman R. Young, Fourth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California, a son, Truman Richards Young, Jr., born June 19, 1942, weight eight pounds.

To Captain and Mrs. Walton M. Edwards, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, twins, a son, Walton Meredith, Jr., and a daughter, Wendy Melilyn, born June 20, 1942.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Alfred Hicks, Fort Funston, California, a daughter, Caroll Ann Hicks, born June 20, 1942, weight seven pounds, four ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. W. Breadhoft, CASC 1929, San Francisco, California, a daughter, Mildred Jean Breadhoft, born June 22, 1942, weight eight pounds.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. J. W. Schenplein, Benecia Arsenal, California, a son, Vernon Francis Schenplein, born June 22, 1942, weight eight pounds, nine ounces.

Serve in Silence

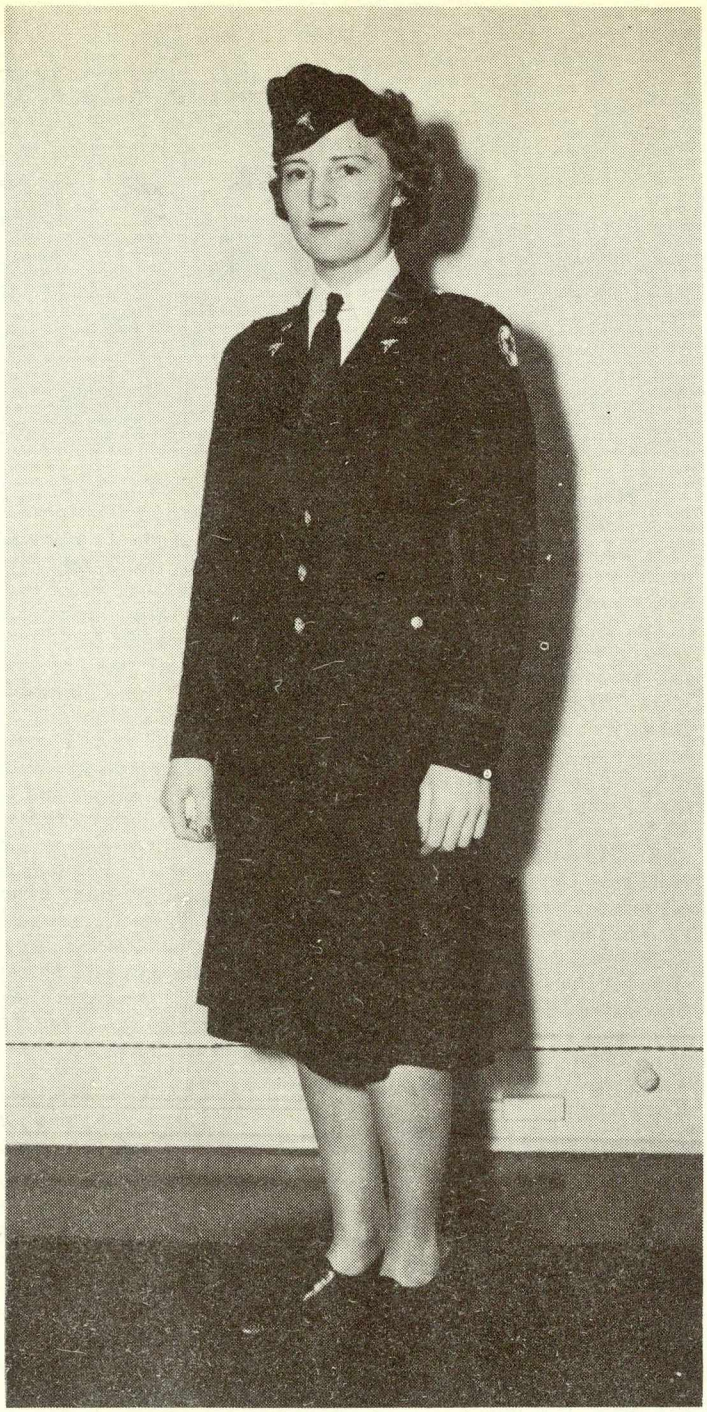
BATAAN NURSES

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hours after arrival in San Francisco. Two days later Miss Florence McDonald, the only Chief Nurse in the group, started for her home in Brockton, Mass., while Miss Dorothea M. Daley went to Hot Springs, Ark., where her father is on active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Corps of the Army.

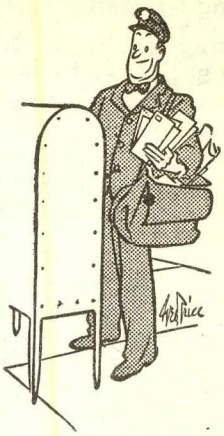
After reporting at Walter Reed Hospital it is probable the nurses will be given a leave of absence to visit their homes and families, and one of the main tasks at home will be the attention to mail. It has been coming in there in great quantities and the post offices at Lockhart, Texas; Sevierville, Tenn.; and Swansea, South Carolina, need extra help to handle the increased business.

FASHION NOTE FOR NURSES, 1942 STYLE



DRESS UNIFORM made of covert cloth—coat adopted design, single breasted, buttoned down the front, three large regulation coat buttons, upper end of shoulder loop rounded and buttoned to coat with small regulation coat button. Ends of loops piped with maroon cord edge braid, maroon braid three inches from end of sleeve. Two lower side pockets with opening below waistline, each pocket covered with flap pointed at center and buttoned with small regulation coat button, attachable belt, dark blue in color. Garrison cap, dark blue, with maroon braid, six gore skirt. Black tie, neutral shade hose, black low heeled shoes and grey suede gloves. In the photo is First Lieut. Ida E. Peschon, ANC.

LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A postman who lived in New Haven,
Said—"Millions of people are savin',
They've bought Bonds galore,
To help win the war,
And keep our Old Glory still wavin'."



Your local post office has a U. S. Savings Bond or Stamp to fit your budget. Get one today!

ON USO'S FRONT

Japanese Steal A Page From USO Pattern

NEW YORK, June — A staunch citizen of the United States, though born and reared at a military post in Japan, Miss Clara Eastlake, daughter of an American-Japanese marriage, reports that Nippon's war lords are offering rudimentary imitations of the USO recreational program in a belated effort to bolster the morale of the "little brown men of the Rising Sun."

Introduced to USO officials by Ladislas Farago, chairman of the Committee on National Morale, Miss Eastlake related that she taught English rhetoric at the Kagoshima Naval School in Japan. There she learned how intently the Nipponese leaders studied American methods to keep troops cheerful and at high fighting pitch.

"Organized recreation like that offered by USO," she said, "prompted Japan finally to put chess-boards in military tents and provide pastime monitors. These innovations came when Japan was making soldiers spend furloughs together to keep them from brooding about their somber lives as Shintoist totalitarians."

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THE FOG HORN

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LGH Soldier Named For Art Award By Life Magazine

The Editors of Life magazine have announced the awards in the art competition for men of the U. S. armed forces sponsored by Life and conducted with the cooperation of the Public Relations Bureaus of the War and Navy Departments. The prizes, totaling $1,000 were awarded to ten soldiers and one sailor.

A winner of one of the eight fourth prizes was PFC Torcam Bedayan, Quartermaster Corps, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, for his water color, "B Battery Bivouac, Soledad." Private Bedayan studied at San Francisco Junior College, and at the California School of Arts before entering the Army.

First prize of $300 was awarded to Private Robert C. Burns of Company B, 30th Engineer Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for his oil painting "Troop Movements." Private Burns, formerly Art Instructor at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, studied at the Yale University School of Fine Arts, New Haven, Connecticut, and also under Van Deering Perrine, N. A. His pictures have received outstanding awards in the Prix de Rome Competitions, the annual Exhibits of the Florida Federation of Art, and in the Montclair Annual Show of New Jersey Artists.

"Practice Landing," an opaque water color, took second prize of $200 for Sgt. Robert Majors, formerly an artist at the Walt Disney Studios, Hollywood. Sgt. Majors studied at the University of Hawaii and the Chouinard Institute, Los Angeles. He is now in the Signal Corps Photo-

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX YEARS OF FREEDOM

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

New Internes Here For Year of Duty And Instruction

To fill the vacancies created by the internes who are leaving their year of study at Letterman to take up duties as medical officers, a new group of 13 medical school graduates arrived this week to begin their year of practice and study under the hospital professional staff.

The new M.D.'s who will be seen around the wards and laboratories in the familiar internes uniform assumed their duties on the first of July.

They are:

Dr. Stanleigh Erler, a native of New York City. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Southern California Medical School this year.

Dr. Raoul C. Psaki, also of New York City, and graduate of Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D. C.

Dr. William Beverly Virgin, who was born in Pensacola, Florida, and was graduated from Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Felix R. Shepley. He is a native of Massillon, Ohio, and received his M.D. degree from St. Louis University Medical School, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. William W. Currence, who hails from the deep south, claiming Clarksburg, West Virginia, as his home town. Dr. Currence is a graduate of University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Frank W. Lynn, born in La Grange, Illinois and graduated from University of Chicago Medical School.

Dr. Christian Gronbeck, Jr., who is a native of Dexter, Maine. He re-

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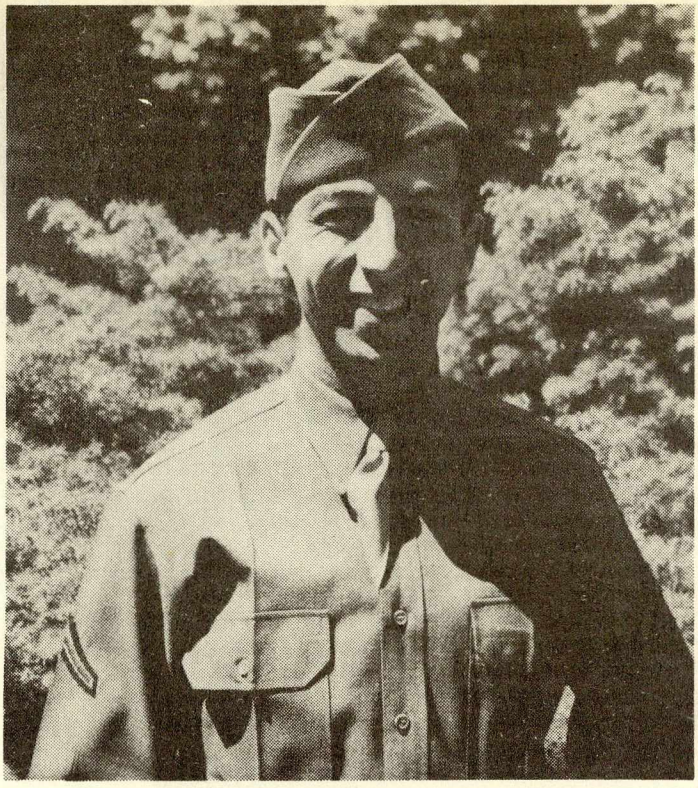
LETTERMAN SOLDIER ARTIST A WINNER IN LIFE CONTEST

Four years ago, Pfc Torcam Bedayan of Letterman's QM detachment was just another student at San Francisco Junior College, studying the regular courses of science and economics that every college student studies when he has no definite field in view or has not yet felt any particular ability to do a certain thing better than average—but just yesterday, one of the counry's foremost news-pictorial magazines came out with a reproduction of one of Bedayan's watercolor paintings and the announcement that he had won a fourth place in an art competition that was almost world-wide, in which any soldier of the Army could participate.

Previous to 1938, Bedayan had not so much as done any painting or art work more than cutting out "paper dollies" as a child, nor more than touched up subjects of magazine covers and ads with mustaches and eyeglasses, and yet one year later, in 1939, he was winning prize after prize with his watercolors. "How can such a thing happen?" you ask. This is how it came about: Bedayan was looking for all the varied courses he could take at junior college, when he saw "Figure drawing—three units" in the catalog, and decided that there was a course for him—not too much outside study, interesting models and a good way to add three units towards his graduation requirements, he thought. "So I signed up" he says simply, "and within a month, Mr. Allman, the teacher, insisted that I go on with art work and make a career of it."

The scene that appears in Life, which is, incidentally, one out of eleven that was chosen out of thousands submitted by Army men to be reprinted nationally, is one of an artillery unit on bivouac against the California landscape, all done in soft tones of gray and green and blue—Bedayan dislikes harsh strong "screaming" colors, as he puts it, and shows his discrimination in the prize winning work, which in addition to adding to his prestige as an artist, netted him fifty dollars prize money, or the equivalent of a months work in the army.

Pfc. Bedayan is of Armenian heritage, probably one of the reasons which account for his artistic inclination, and was born in San Francisco on April 12, 1917, the son of Khosrov Bedayan, a storekeeper. He grow up in typically American surroundings and family life with two brothers and a sister, going to school, and working week ends in his father's store. After graduating from Mission High School in 1936, Bedayan entered San Francisco Junior College with no particular course of study in mind—just an academic course to furnish background for a business position, and after one year of academic work he still had no idea of his artistic potentialities.



TORCAM BEDAYAN
Private 1st Class, Q.M. Detachment

Upon completion of his studies in art and allied subjects at the San Francisco school, Bedayan was awarded the Associates of Arts degree, and with painting brushes in one hand his sketching board and colors in the other, he entered California School of Fine Arts in Oakland, California, to study under foremost artists and teachers. During his first year of study there, and with only slight experience and instruction from junior college, Bedayan proceeded to win coveted prizes in three contests he entered that year—one of the finest prizes he won while attending the School of Fine Arts was a scholarship for the second year, which enabled him to continue study there at the expense of the scholarship donor.

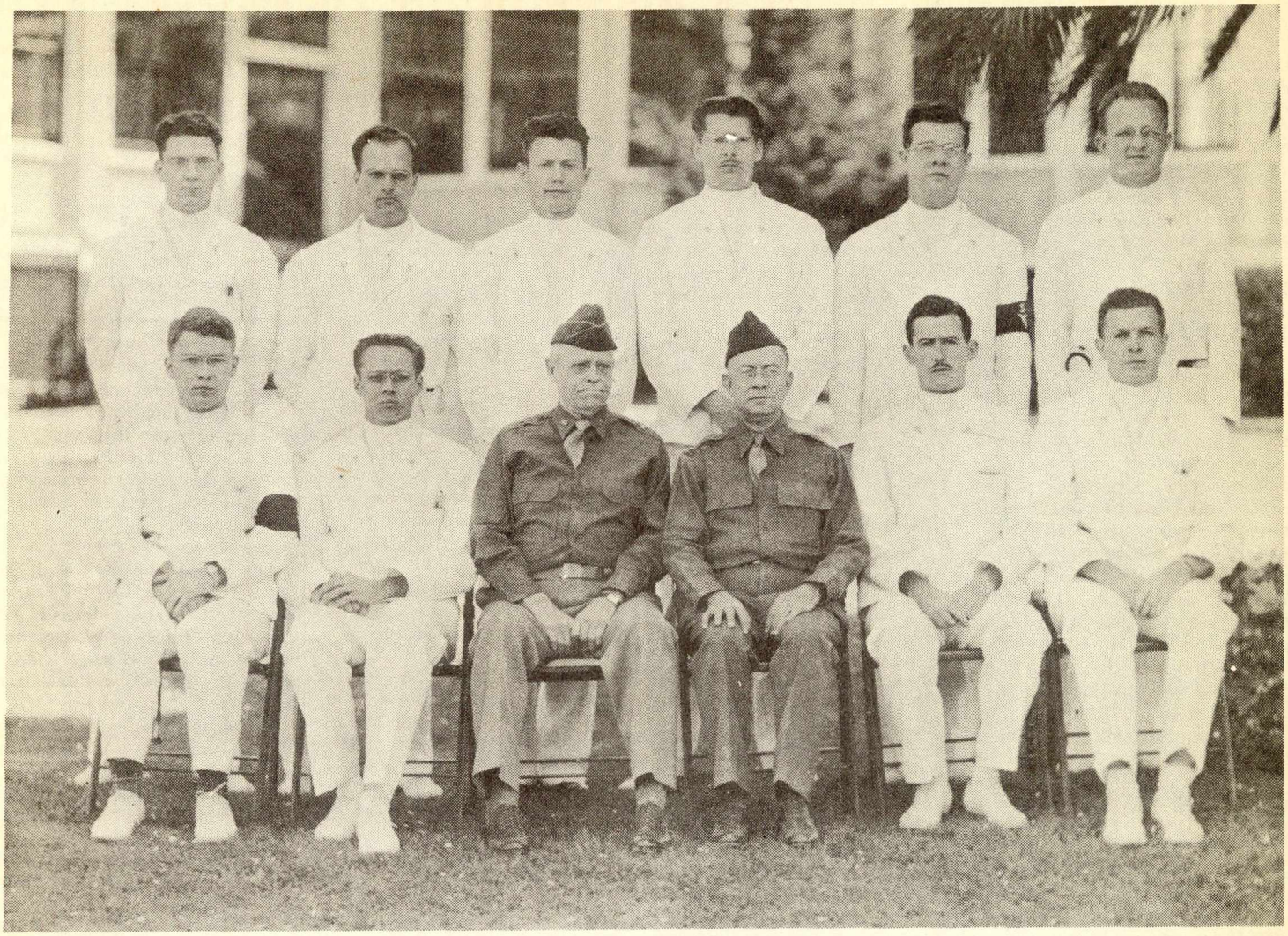
While still learning and practicing as a student, samples of Bedayan's work were exhibited on various tours of "objects d'art" through the United States and Hawaiian Islands along with the works of other outstanding students and artists. Most of the young artist's work has been done in watercolors, his favorite medium in depicting landscapes and seascapes, although he does pen and ink sketching and pencil drawings. All the time that he attended art school the embryonic master worked as long as daylight would permit, school hours or after school hours, finding material for his scenes in shipyards, wharves, lumber yards, and in the hills and mountains. After two years of study, Bedayan found that he could continue his art practice under private tutelage, and earn his living in the meantime, so home he went to help in his father's store, filling in his evenings in his studio with practice and more practice. It takes plenty of hard work for an artist to get on paper just what he feels, Bedayan believes. One of the things that raises his indignation the quickest is to have someone come to look at his paintings, admire them, and then ask "Could you give me this? I think it's beautiful!" "After all my hard work, I should give them away!" he fumes.

"I found that people think watercolors are 'just beautiful,' " he says, "But try to make a living selling them, and you are liable to starve to death." But even though the market for watercolors is small, there is a large demand for good illustrative material in magazines, books and publications, and that is what Bedayan is working on now. "Even though I'm in the Army, I still have time to work every other night at home in the studio," he informs, "there is a lot to learn in the illustrating field, and it takes most of my time, but I like it."

Skiing and mountain climbing is the activity that makes the world go around, as far as Bedayan is concerned, and if you want to listen to a lengthy discourse about the advantages of those sports, just drop in to the Utilities Office and say "Snow," or "Mountains" and he'll be jumping out of his chair to get at you. We went down there with the idea of getting him to tell us about his art background and inadvertently asked him if he indulged in a hobby—that was the end of the art discussion. He was still talking about Mt. Shasta and the Sierras when we left—the only reason we were able to get away is because he was looking into space in a very dreamy fashion. Maybe he took a few minutes off for a short ski trip, but we still don't know.

Bedayan was inducted into the Army from San Francisco on April 10, 1941, and was assigned to a field artillery unit at Ft. Ord, where he was "lead man" of his group—that is, he had charge of the team of horses which pulled his artillery piece and earned an excellent reputation as being one of the best horsemen in his outfit. After five months as a selective service soldier, he joined the regular army and was sent to Letterman with the Quartermaster Detachment, where he still holds sway under the dignified title of Work Order Clerk in the Utilities Office. He speeds home on all nights off the post to his studio, where he is carrying on the artistic work which may some day lead his name to more important and larger pages than these.

MEMBERS OF INTERNE CLASS OF 1942 ARE NOW OLD GRADS



CLASS OF 1942
Standing: left to right: Dr. Francis W. Anderson, Dr. Gilbert A. Twitchell, Dr. John A. Duthie, Dr. Francis W. Lanard, Dr. Gerhard T. Shearer and Dr. Charles H. Ransom.
Seated: left to right: Dr. William C. Doak, Dr. Robert H. Finley, Jr., Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Commanding Officer, Colonel Alva B. McKie, Officer in Charge of Interne Training, Dr. Edward P. Shannon, Jr., and Dr. Donald L. Brubaker. The course at Letterman General Hospital was completed on June 30, 1942.

PILL ROLLERS PILE UP PIN POINTS BUT ASSESSORS AMBLE IN ADVANCE

Although the Letterman bowling team out-pointed and out-played the Assessor Wolden Company squad last Wednesday night at the New Downtown Bowling Alley, the post medics lost two handicap games out of three to drop the opening stanza of the second round in the 875 point Handicap League.

The Medics won the first game by a wide margin but lost the next two games by the 42 pin handicap they had to give the Assessors. The first game turned out to be quite a thriller and drew applause from the audience when Sgt. Walter Yohe worked up a high game of 236 by starting out with a strike and getting a spare in the second frame and then knocking them over for six straight strikes to emerge the high bowler of the game. "Smoky" Mottier, the lead-off man on the Medic's team continued to round out his nice series, rolling them over for a 592 triple.

Sergeant Frank Shamrock of the Mess Department did some nice bowling, but was cheated out of much better games because the 10 pin wouldn't fall over when he hit it. Shamrock tells the story that the number 10 pin kept him awake all night. He almost walked down the allay to see if it was nailed there.

The Fourth Army Air Base Headquarters' bowling team asked for a match game with the Letteerman Squad for this week at the Downtown lanes and promises a lot of competition to the Medics.

Average scores maintained by our bowlers for the season follow:

Mottier .....184 for 15 games
Wilcox .....159 for 12 games
Shamrock .....170 for 6 games
Marano .....179 for 15 games
Yohe .....183 for 15 games
Kuntz .....183 for 12 games

The Letterman team still holds all four records, first, the high individual high game of 966, second, the high team series of 2740 (nearest rival is 2717 by the American Sedan Company), third, the high game by Sergeant Henry Kuntz of 247, fourth, the highest average bowler in the league, Corporal Paul Mottier, with 184.

The next three games will be with the American Sedan Company. The Medics won two games out of three from them the opening night.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

INDEPENDENCE

Today marks the 166th aniversary of our Declaration of Independence and we find ourselves engaged in struggle to determine whether or not that Independence shall endure.

The doctrine of government with the consent of the governed was new to that day in 1776 when the founders of the republic announced it to the world. On this day in 1942 we are giving our all to preserve that principle. In the years since the Declaration of Independence came into being we have had relatively small difficulty in the applications of its tenets to the lives of our people and we have come to accept it all as matter of course. Something that has always been ours without apparent effort, and something that should always be ours with no effort.

In other lands people have lost what freedom they enjoyed. The great republic of France where "liberty" was first in the national motto now finds itself in thrall to a despotic tyrant. Five short years ago what Frenchman would have admitted the possibility of the collapse of his country. Today what American dares to think that it might happen here—yet it could.

The one way in which we may evade the fate of France and the other desolate nations of Europe is that we must make an all out sacrifice for the defense of our country and our freedom.

To that course—like the signers of the Declaration of Independence—each and every one of us must pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Tech Sgt. **Lyle J. O'Connell** carrying two boxes of cream puffs said to be the main course for **Mary Benson's** birthday party.

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The former crack first sacker of the Letterman nine—Sgt.**Stanley Robbins**—for the time being back here in the role of patient on Ward E-1.

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Charlie McCarthy—a patient on Ward "9" whose resemblance to the famed "Charlie" of radio fame is only coincidental.

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Tech Sgt. **Sid Howe** going to limited duty at the Presidio and very happy about getting back to work.

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John P. Holloway looking forward to a motor trip back to Green Bay, Wisconsin, but really to a spot called Alluez—just outside the city limits. and with the chevrons of a staff sergeant. He has not forgotten some of the military training he acquired in the seven years he served in the army before turning to civilian activities.

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Gerold C. Gorby, Model T Corporal, mistaking the rating badges of an Eagle Scout for the decorations of a Flying Tiger and starting exciting tales.

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Colonel **Emmett Litteral, Major Gene Manning**, and Captain **George Potter** wrestling with the new memo on Greewich Civil Time and getting nowhere even as the rest of us.

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Chief Nurse **Martha Smith** leading five new nurses here and there immediately after their arrival from Indiana.

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The sun dial missing from its accustomed perch.

INTERESTING FACTS

Bread mold has now become useful and important in industry. One chemical company reports that mold helps to convert starch to alcohol, which is needed to make gunpowder.

Hundredrs of war plants have stepped up production as much as 50 per cent as a result of job instructor training that is now being provided for new employes.



Congratulations are in order to **Miss Lulu J. Newton** on her promotion to be assistant superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps with rank of captain.

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We were all pleased to learn that **Miss Knierim** is experiencing a favorable and comfortable recovery from the injuries sustained in an accidental fall on one of the wards last week.

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Miss Marie S. Inman has left us for the scenic beauties of Fort Hauchuca, Arizona.

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Miss Irma Dolson and **June Garnsey** are here on temporary duty.

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It is rumored that **Miss Dora F. Guglielmetti** is contemplating taking one of those boatrides which are so much in vogue these days.

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We wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest addition to the Army Nurse Corps on duty at this hospital: **Miss Jeanne M. Gaillard** was born in Saintes, France, and came to the United States in 1923, settling with her family in San Francisco. She attended the Immaculate Conception Academy and took her professional training at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, graduating in June 1933. Since that time she has done private and general duty at St. Mary's Hospital, with time out for a trip to France and Tunisia, North Africa, in 1937, and a trans-continental trip to New York and return by way of Canada in 1940.

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Miss Mary K. Cuppy is the acting Principal Chief Nurse during the disability of Miss Knierim.

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Miss Charlotte Parham has been retired for physical disability.

Soldier Pay Raise

The American Soldier now receives $50 a day—once a month.

Canadians get approximately $35 per month.

The Chinese warrior receives about 28 cents a month.

The Japanese soldier draws 30 cents per month.

Serve in Silence

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 5, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OUR EXCHANGES

One of the little mimeo publications coming into our Sanctum has always more than the ordinary degree of interest for the simple reason that the editor manages to get in a little extra oomph or punch into each succeeding edition.

Up to now you were not aware of it but we are talking about "The Bulletin" published at the Station Hospital, Camp Blanding, Florida. The latest feature of that paper is colored ink and whoever heard of that before Perez disclosed it to his readers.

In the last issue to reach us and on the last page of the paper is a cartoon showing Perez en route to Waco. If he is quitting the "Bulletin" we hope he will start up something at his new station.

Perez used to be over at Fort Baker and the rumor that he was traded to Florida for a slightly used percolator is pure fiction. Still a Californian at heart is Technician 4th Grade Waldo F. Perez, Editor of "The Bulletin."

ABOUT CORPORALS

"I have been asked to write a piece about corporals.

"I deeply regret that I ever wrote anything nasty about corporals or ever poked fun at them. I take back all the bad things I ever said about corporals.

"Actually, corporals are the noblest of all soldiers. They are intelligent, devoted, courageous, handsome, and faithful. They are the key men in the entire Army and they will have a major part in America's coming victory. Besides, corporals are all wonderful guys and I love every one of them.

"I am especially fond of the corporal of the guard, who is standing behind me right now with a club."

Serve in Silence

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. JOSEPH L. BOYLE

One man in the Detachment, Private Joseph L. Boyle, has learned that the word "Frog" means jump! and now! when spoken by Uncle Sam.

On March 1 of this year when Boyle had been notified that he was next on the list of those to be inducted into the Army he decided that he was entitled to a vacation before being inducted. So from his home in Detroit, Michigan, he proceeded in leisurely fashion to the south lands and back — assuming that because the previous draft had been called during the latter part of the month he would have ample time to make connections and still take a two weeks vacation. Upon his return to Detroit he was amazed to learn that Uncle Sam has no precedent in what he may do and that he was on the "missing" list of inductees. A hurried trip to his draft board proved that things were serious and his only choice was to be sworn in then and there. When the fog cleared, Boyle found himself in camp at Fort Custer, Michigan—his wife had already marked him down as A.W.O.L. from home — his automobile was in a parking lot in Detroit, and sans ignition keys—and generally everything was in a whirl. An emergency furlough, however, proved that Uncle Sam could be considerate. And when Pvt. Boyle finally straightened matters out at home he returned to his outfit—and on time—feeling much better about the whole situation. With other members of his induction group classified for the Medical Corps he proceeded to the Medical Replacement Center at Camp Grant, Illinois, for training and was then sent to Letterman for duty.

Boyle was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Wayne University for three years, studying for a major in the field of science. During this time he also worked nights as a technician in a dental laboratory. During his junior year he married Miss Helen Blaga of Detroit, Michigan, and decided that a definite and regular income was necessary for a completely happy marriage—hence no more schooling. Ford Motor Company at Dearborn, Michigan, was his next place of employment, and he worked there as a Purchasing Agent up until the time of his induction March 19, 1941.

Boyle is on duty in the Dental Annex and is doing a good job in the Dental Articulation end of Mechanical Dentistry. Though his work is not what he would have chosen if he had the choice in the matter, the manner in which he goes about his work is evidence that he applies himself and is not afraid of it. "And anyway," Boyle says, "there probably would not be an opening in the Medics for a purchasing agent."

V-MAIL SERVICE INAUGURATED FOR ARMED FORCES IN FOREIGN LANDS

The Post Ofice, War and Navy Departments have announced the inauguration of a new postal service facility which will be known as "V-Mail Service." The purpose of the new service is to reduce the weight and bulk of mail to and from the United States Armed Forces abroad and thereby make more space available for the transportation of vital military material and, to provide the most expeditious dispach and handling possible of military mail to and from the United States.

When fully established V-Mail service will be available for the transmission letters, without inclosures, to and from the United States Armed Forces, only, outside the continental United States. It will be a service for the exclusive benefit of members of the United States Armed Forces abroad and will provide the most expeditious means for the transmission of letters between them and their parents, relatives and friends.

The operation of the V-Mail service is based upon the use, for correspondence only, of a special, standard, uniform, and distinctive V-Mail letter sheet. These letter sheets are a combination letter and envelope; each is a sheet of stationery of a sandard minimum weight, grade and grain, which is so constructed and gummed as to fold into a uniform and distinctively marked envelope.

The correspondence side of the V-Mail letter sheet is so arranged as to allow the largest possible space for the message. Also there is provided a small space for the name and address of the person who is to receive the message, for the senders name and address, and for the military censors clearance. The message and address may be typewritten or written with dark ink or dark pencil. **Nothing may be inclosed with the mesage.**

The obverse or envelope side of the V-Mail letter sheet contains full instructions for use. Uniform spaces are provided for writing the name and address of the sender and receiver of the letter. The sheet has distinctive printed markings and is constructed in such a way as to provide for uniform folding and sealing.

The user of the V-Mail letter sheet should write his message, fill in the name and address of sender and receiver, fold it as indicated, seal it, affix the required postage or proper indicia and mail it.

V-Mail messages sent by the members of the United States Armed Forces will be accepted for mailing without payment of postage, under the provisions of the act of March 27, 1942, which provides for free mail service for personal letters written by members of the United States Armed Forces, if the officer or soldier writes the word "FREE" in the upper right corner of the address side, and in the upper left corner, his name, rank, company, regiment or similar unit designation, APO number if assigned, and address. If domestic air mail service is desired six cents postage must be affixed.

Parents, relatives and friends of members of the United States Armed Forces abroad may obtain V-Mal letter sheets at places or concerns in their locality handling stationery, affix the proper postage (3 cents if the sender desires domestic transportation by surface means, and six cents if the sender desires domestic air transportation). They can mail them in any post office, street letter box, or other auhorized mail depository, and the V-Mail message will be handled, dispatched, and delivered expeditiously to members of the United States Armed Forces located abroad.

The V-Mail service is an exclusive service created, established, and operated for the benefit of members of the United States Armed Forces abroad. Due to the many mechanical and operational features involved, V-Mail service must be on an experimental basis for some time. Consideration and study is being given to its institution as a preferred service for communications to and from members of the armed forces within the continental United States, and this extension of the service will be inaugurated if usage demonstrates it to be practicable.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. SYDNEY A. DAVIS

If the last time you smiled was way back in 1900—I-don't-know-when, and you don't believe in infectious grins and natural, wholehearted greetings as some of the tonic "musts" in life—just go down to Ward E2 and visit Sydney A. Davis and have those beliefs dispelled in an instant. It has been said not once but dozens of times that if more people, patients and personnel alike, had the ability to radiate cheer the way "that Davis fellow" does, there would be many more empty beds in the hospital than there are. He is the proverbial "walking ray of sunshine."

And never let it be said that he hasn't had any room for complaint. After the air raid on the islands of Hawaii, Pvt. Sydney A. Davis discovered rather forcibly that he had earned the Order of the Purple Heart and nearly lost his life in doing so. However, a permanent physical disability has not detracted from the joys of living for Davis, but has strengthened them, if anything. "Now,' says Davis, "I can pursue wild life conservation and reforestation with a much deeper sense of appreciation, and make it an active vocation as well."

Davis' home town is Ridgeland Center, Wisconsin—a dairy and reforestation center—and he has lived there most of his life except for two years after his birth in Richmond, Virginia in 1920. He attended the

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MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Joseph A. Roberg, apointed Corporal and John W. Dean, Jr., appointed Technician Fifth Grade.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

New rugs in Detachment Office—can they be fro mthe Service Club? And the new linoleum in the Service Club? A big improvement.

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T/Sgt Dave Gimball returning to duty looking hale and hearty after a short leave of absence.

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The looks of disbelief and then grins on the faces of the men in the pay line as the new pay bill finally adds up to something we can all understand—hard cash.

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Corp. Malcom Foster condescending to get married and settle down when a Staff Sergeancy is sent his way. A hint

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S/Sgt. Ralph Gustafson consuming three meals between breakfast and dinner. "Gus" can be found at the Detachment office for explanation.

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Pfc. Verdean Herboldt, a new man since his wife and the new baby have come up from Texas to live.

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S/T Norman A. Wallace looking for a new office in which to hang his hat. Bored, Wallace?

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Pfc. Loyal L. Jackson stripped down for action while polishing the Service Club floor. Out of uniform there, Jackson!

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Corp. Leonard Bell fast becoming a telephone adict—Does she skate, too, as if we didn't know!

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Pfc. Ernest R. Fine losing that night duty pallor.

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Teetotaler S/Sgt. Wiley R Dunn, Jr., seen coming out of "Parlez Vous"—nite-lifing, Wiley?

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Pvt. Chauncey Baird in the commissary and up to his neck in oatmeal during inventory.

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Sgt. Earl Libby's interesting Book-of-the-Month-Club books.

The Nimble Wrists of Roman Callier Make Mildred Jive In Roman Fashion



Sergeant ROMAN G. CALLIER, QMD
Putting Mildred Through Her Dance Routine

She's hep to the jive, Mildred is, and she can bang out tap steps to pieces from "Yankee Doodle" to "Jersey Bounce" without drawing a breath and without missing a beat of the music, or whisp around in the dreamiest waltz as graceful as a gazelle—but most of all, she loves to jitter. Cutting rugs is Mildred's favorite, and when she agitates, she palpitates!

Mildred is star performer on Ward "4" and her partner is the envy of every patient on the ward. Mildred very definitely has "oomph," all right.

Her partner has long achieved fame for Mildred's performances, for he is an important part of the act—in fact, it couldn't go on without him. He is Roman G. Callier, former dining car waiter with the Pennsylvania railroad, but now Sergeant with the 394th Quartermaster regiment, temporarily recuperating from an auto accident. A native of Chicago, Callier joined the Army last year and after basic training in Texas, was assigned to the Quartermaster corps for duty on transport service, and as luck would have it, his ship often sailed to Hawaii, where 'neath waving palms and a tropical moon, he found Mildred—sitting on a souvenir vendor's shelf. Just 10 inches high, and with the fuzziest toupe and the darkest eyes imaginable, Mildred went straight to the depths of Callier's heart, to stay—he just couldn't leave the islands without her—she was his.

During the ensuing months on shipboard, Callier educated Mildred—she learned to bow, to receive applause gracefully for her popular dances and finally turned out to be an accomplished performer in great demand. Of course, aboard a transport was no place for a lady, and she suffered many mishaps bouncing around from one ship to another and sailing to all parts of the globe, but Callier has performed near-miracles with her. When a leg would break, he immediately fixed her up with another—if her hands fell off, Callier gently glued them back on. But Callier is being rewarded for all his pains with her, even if her paint is a little worn, and her rouge a little smudgy and her knees a little larger than most dancers. By holding Mildred on a little wooden paddle at arms length by means of a stout wire, and vibrating the paddle handle with his free hand, Mildred can do every step in the book in perfect time to any music—she is the most popular girl to ever visit the ward.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Quite a few promotions were handed out to the personnel this week they are as follows:

William H. Sink promoted from S/Sgt. to First Sgt. Sgt. Sink will assume the duties of Charles Reuther, who left here to take a commission as 2nd Lt. M. A. C.

Herman R. Knoller, our supply Sgt. was promoted from Sgt. to S/Sgt.

Richard G. Herzog, of the Pharmacy School promoted from Tech 5th grade, to Tech 4th grade.

Robert C. Carroll, and Harvey W. Hablitzel, promoted from Pvts. first class, to Corporals.

James E. Winkleman, Wendell K. Waite, and Frank R. Dudley, promoted from Pvts. First Class, to Techs. 5th Grade.

Edwin Lanciet, promoted from Pvt. to Pvt. First Class. Congratulations to all of you.

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We are sorry to lose one of our oldest Instructors, Major Peter Manjos, who has been chief of the Laboratory Section. He has been relieved from duty there, and will be leaving soon for a new post, the Major's place will be taken by Capt. Laverne Baldwin, who has been serving as assistant chief .

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Another former member of the Detachment, T/Sgt. George B. Hughes, who was an instructor at the Medical Section, passed through here on his way to Officers School, Hughes had a few good stories to tell about Alaska where he was stationed for about eight months.

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

The boys counting their money over and over again on pay-day, and wondering how they are going to spend that new raise.

How all the men in the Detachment take to smoking cigars, when ever there is a new promotion for one of the members.

Sgt. Crampton, gulping down his supper so he can get back to his dark room and develop some more pictures.

How happy Pvt. Hoppel has been since Mrs. Hoppel arrived from Pennsylvania, to take up residence in San Francisco.

Serve in Silence

Light of Liberty

To mark the centenary of American Independence, a French man-of-war steamed into New York harbor fifty-seven years ago last month with a gift for the United States packed in 214 cases—the Statue of Libery.

It was soon after the Franco-German war that a group of prominent Frenchmen proposed this gift and a committee was formed in 1874 to raise funds. One hundred and eighty cities, forty general councils and thousands of individuals contributed to finance the $700,000 cost of the statue. Frederic Bartholdi, the great French sculptor, was commissioned to do the work.

Congress had set apart a site on Bedloe Island, which the sculptor, on a visit to America, had selected as the finest location possible. By popular subscription the people of the United States raised $300,000 to erect the pedestal . . . . a million-dollar statue of American democracy.

While some 250,000 persons visit the Statue of Liberty annually, it is probably that few people know the full inscription that adorns its walls. It is this:

THE NEW COLOSSUS

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land.
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of exiles, from her Beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome, her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore—
Send these, the homeless, tempest-toast to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

POST GRADUATES

Major Oscar C. Helming, Major Clinton V. Ervin, Jr., Major William F. Cutts, and Captain Gordon C. Langsdorf have left for Rochester, Minn., for a two-months course of post graduate study at the famed Mayo Clinic.

Captain Robley N. Ellis has just completed a course at the same location and will return to duty at Letterman this month.

ADOPTION OF 24-HOUR CLOCK MAKES IT OFFICIAL ARMY TIME SYSTEM

Effective July 1, 1942, at 4:00 a.m. (0400) Greenwich Civil Time, the 24-hour clock system will be the official time system for the Army in all messages, dispatches, orders and reports.

Thereafter, time will be expressed in a group of four digits ranging from 0000 2400. The first two digits on the left will be the hours after midnight, and the remaining two digits will indicate the minutes past the hour. Where the hour can be expressed by a single digit, it will be preceded by zero (0), for example 0625 for 6:25 a. m.

The date may be expressed in either of two ways, for the current month, the day may be indicated by preceeding the four-digit-time group with a two-figure date-group indicating the day of the month. For example, 080600 is the eighth day of the month and the time is 6:00 a.m., or the date and time may be stated by using the four-digit time group followed by the month, day, and if desirable, the year, as for example, 0625 May 4, or 2230 June 15, 1942.

The heading of all messages, dispatches, reports, and orders transmitted by radio, telegraph, or cable will include the date and the time of origin expressed by six digits as prescribed in paragraph above.

Greenwich Civil Time will be used in both the heading and text of all communications of the following categories: messages and orders to and from the War Department; orders, reports, and other communications between headquarters not having a common local time; communications with the Navy; communications with the armed forces of associated nations.

All time-groups expressing Greenwich Civil Time, including those in the headings of messages will be designated by the letter suffix Z immediately following the last digit of the group. For example, 190225Z indicates 2:25 a. m. on the nineteenth day of the current month, Greenwich Civil Time.

Greenwich Civil Time is the true time of the Greenwich Meridian or Zero Meridian which passes through England and affords a uno-form time system which may be applied in any part of the world. It is synonymous with Greenwich Mean Time. GCT can be converted into the time of any other zone by adding one hour of standard time for every 15 degrees of longitude to the east of the Greenwich Meridian, and by subtracting one hour of standard time for every 15 degrees west of the Greenwich Meridian. It is to be noted that Greenwich Civil Time is always on a Standard (not War or Daylight Saving)basis, even though War Time may actually be in use in England. It is also to be noted that in applying the time differential between Greenwich and local time the arbitrary standard time zones will govern in such cases, as their boundaries may depart from the meridian on which true time for that zone is based. Thus in all areas where Pacific War Time is used the clock will be seven hours behind Greenwich Civil Time. This is true regardless of whether the 12-hour or 24-hour clock is applied.

ON THE SPOT

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Ridgeland High School and upon graduation enrolled in the Wisconsin School of Technology which he attended one year and specialized in mining engineering and chemistry. Because of indecision as to a vocation and a desire to see a part of the world before he settled down he decided to stay out of school for a couple of years and acquaint himself with the world. Subsequently employment took him with a power-line installation crew to much of the United States and also Alaska and Mexico. He returned home and worked for a short time in one of the Theaters in Milwaukee and then enlisted in the Army for foreign duty on November 5, 1940. His first assignment was to Hickam Field, Hawaii in the Air Corps and he had been stationed at that post up to the time of his injury onDecember 7.

Apparently Davis' formula for an enjoyable life is a genuine interest in life—he is interested in everything and everyone. And a discerning eye, keen sense of humor and natural energy does much to sharpen his interest in life. These attributes should serve Pvt. Davis well in any work he may undertake.



SARA C. BROGAN

Who was promoted to Chief Nurse last month has been stationed at Letterman since March of last year. Her previous service covers a tour of duty in France, two tours in the Philippines, and assignments at West Point, Ft. Sam Houston, Walter Reed G.H., Fitzsimons G.H., and a prior tour at Letterman.

Miss Newton Upped to Captain, Sent to Stoneman

Chief Nurse Lulu J. Newton, Army Nurse Corps, who for the past two years has been assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman Hospital, was promoted to Assistant Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, with the rank of Captain last week, and assigned to duty at the station hospital at Camp Stoneman, California.

Miss Newton is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of the Worcester City Hospital. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on May 1, 1918, and has had continuous service since that date. Her stations include two years in Coblenz, Germany, after the end of World War I, two years in the Philippines, three years in Hawaii, with tours of duty within the continental limits at Ft. Myer, Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Sill, Walter Reed General Hospital, and Letterman General Hospital.



To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Darwin Badger, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Christopher Ann Badger, six pounds five ounces, born June 24, 1942.

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To Corporal and Mrs. Brazil C. Brumm, Hunter's Point, San Francisco, a daughter, Colleen Antoinette Brumm, seven pounds six ounces, born June 25, 1942.

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To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John R. Reidy, Foreign Service, a son, William Patrick, five pounds thirteen ounces, born June 28, 1942.

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To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Joseph F. Cole, Coast Artillery, a daughter, Claudette Virginia Cole, six pounds nine and a half ounces, born June 29, 1942.

SOLDIER GETS 'LIFE' AWARD

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graphic Center, Long Island City, N. Y.

Third prize of $10 went to Private Edward A. Chavez of the Third Quartermaster Training Regiment, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, for his water color, "Convoy Practice.' Private Chavez, formerly of Denver, Colorado, studied mural painting under Frank Mechau and Boardman Robinson at the Colorado Springs Fine Art Center and before entering the Army was a muralist for the Section of Fine Arts of the Public Buldings Administration, Washington, D. C.

NEW INTERNES HERE

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ceived his M. D. degree from the University of Vermont Medical School.

Dr. Clyde G. Sussman of Columbus, Ohio, who was graduated this year from Indiana University School of Medicine.

The following doctors also arrived, and have taken up internes duties during the week: Frank B. Rogers, Nathaniel R. Spencer, John B. Westfall, Guy E. Irvin, and Joseph A. Pence.

ALASKA AIR-TIGHT AND ALERT ADMONITION TO AXIS ALIENS

Air tight control over all persons seeking to enter or leave the Territory of Alaska after July 10, 1942, and the elimination of all unnecessary travel to Alaska, will result from from joint action by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army and Alaska Defense Command, Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, anounced today.

The announcement followed the issuance of Public Proclamation No. 4 by the Commanding General of the Alaska Defense Command. The Proclamation provides that, beginning at 12 o'clock midnight, Alaska War Time, July 10, 1942, all civilians who enter the Territory of Alaska, will be required to obtain and have in their possession, a permit therefor, issued by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, and that all persons seeking to leave Alaska must have a similiar permit issued by the Commanding General, Alaska Defense Command.

All civilians, excepting children 16-years of age or under, who must be accompanied by parent or guardian, will be required to have permits.

To administer the provisions of the Proclamation and act upon the requests of civilians for permission to enter Alaska, General DeWitt has created the Alaska Travel Control, with offices in the Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington. Requests for information and for application blanks for a permit may be made to the Seattle office; and when properly filled out and executed, must be returned so as to reach the Seattle office at least 15 days before the permit can be issued.

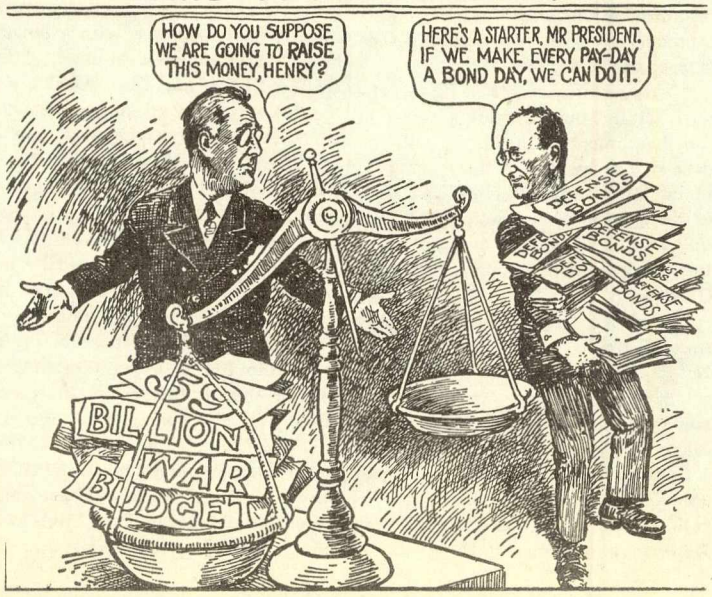
Six reasons for granting permits are recognized in the regulations issued by General DeWitt. They include: official business of the United States Government; definitely arranged legitimate employment; business reasons; return of bona fide Alaskan residents; close domestic relationship; and school interests.

No permit will be issued to an enemy alien, to a person of Japanese ancestry, or to any other person whose presence in the opinion of military authorities is deemed detrimental to the security of the Territory of Alaska.

Full steps to insure careful investigation of any person making application will be taken by the Army. The application is in questionnaire form and requires that a picture of the applicant be attached, and fingerprints taken, with blank spaces left to enable the process to be repeated on arrival in Alaska for purposes of comparison. In addition a complete statement of the applicant's personal history is required. As a further precaution a full set of finger prints will be taken and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

No transportation will be available to civilians seeking to leave or enter Alaska unless a permit has been issued to an applicant ,and is in their possession. This applies to all forms of transportation.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOURS ?



ARMY EXPANSION

General George C. Marshall. Chief of Staff, has announced there will be nearly 4,500,000 soldiers under arms by the end of 1942 rather than 3,600,000 as originally planned at the start of the war. During the past four weeks alone the Army strength has been increased by 300,000 men, he said. The Civil Aeronautics Administration called for volunteers to be trained as glider pilots in the Army Air forces. The glider training is open to men 18 to 35 holding pilot licenses of private grade or higher, to graduates of the CAA program and to pilots completing 200 or more glider flights.

The War Department said medical students who have completed advanced ROTC courses and have been accepted as matriculants in an approved school of medicine will be commissioned Second Lieutenants and placed on a deferred duty status. The Senate completed Congressional action on a bill increasing the number of cadets each member of Congress may appoint to the U. S. Military Academy from three to four, and increasing authorized strength of the Cadet Corps from 1,960 to 2,496. The Army reported nine new Infantry Divisions will be organized before the end of August.

Brig. Gen. DeWitt Assumes Post of Port Surgeon

Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Medical Corps, has assumed the duties of Port Surgeon on the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

General DeWitt, who has been commanding officer of Letterman General Hospital, is the oldest brother of Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army.

He succeeds Colonel Raymond F. Metcalfe, Medical Corps, who has been ordered to Washington, D. C.

General DeWitt reached retirement age on June 1 of this year, was officially retired on June 30, and returned to duty the next day.

INTERESTING FACTS

American production of the large-type bombing planes, of the sort used for destroying centrally located industrial plants in Germany, is running ahead of schedule by as much as 70 per cent.

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Stoneman Staffed By Nurses From Letterman Hospital

The station hospital located at Camp Stoneman became an unofficial affiliate of Letterman when it opened recently with a nursing staff headed by Captain Lulu J. Newton, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, as the Principal Chief Nurse. Miss Newton had been for over a year at Letterman in the capacity as first assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse.

The members of her staff are all former Letterman nurses and while they will have the task of getting acquainted with their new surroundings they are already well known to each other. It is not usual for nurses to move in a group to take over a new hospital but there are definite advantages to such a procedure when it is possible under the exigencies of the service.

Miss Mary Katherine Cuppy was sent to Stoneman in charge of the first group to report there and when relieved by Miss Newton she came back to Letterman in time to assume the duties of Principal Chief Nurse in the absence of Miss Knierim who is a patient in the hospital.

The former Letterman nurses now on duty at Camp Stoneman are: Anna E. McCarthy, Eleanor Sanborn, Marybelle K. Fraser, Mary E. Leahy, Margaret Kukich, Daphne Fromm, Maryelizabeth Abbott, Myrtle Schultz, Mary Hill, R. Faye McCain, Angela Scalletta, Frances Summerton, Phyllis Irwin, Liberty Lois Lee, Louise Bambauer, Genevieve Olsen, Ann Karbin, Jean Norton, Ruth Burby, Celia Stuckey, Gladys Nichols, Olive Brothrson, Madelina Tietgens, Carol Williams, and Irene Musser.

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF V-MAIL CONSERVES SHIP SPACE

In connection with the V-Mail service recently announced, there will be inaugurated a photographic micro-filming facility in conjunction with that service. It will operate from the United States Armed Forces Overseas to the continental United States where large volumes and long distances are involved.

V-Mail stations will be set up under the control of the military authorities for the purpose of photographing V-Mail letters by specialized machines on 16-millimeter film. The Post Office Department will separate V-Mail by respective Army Post Office units and then deliver it to the military authorities operating V-Mail stations. The War Department will determine then, based upon volume, distance, and location of other V-Mail stations or similar facilities, which Army Post Office V-Mail will be filmed and which will be forwarded to destination in original form.

The original of each V-Mail letter filmed will be retained by the military authorities until it has been ascertained that the film has reached destination. After the film has reached destination the original letter filmed will be destroyed by the military authorities. If the film fails to arrive at destination, the V-Mail station will refilm the letter and dispach another film. By this method the filmed letters are given all possible assurance of reaching destination notwithstanding transportation hazards.

At destination the receiving V-Mail station will reproduce the individual filmed messages by photography, enlarge them, enclose each in a specially designated V-Mail penalty window envelope, and make individual delivery to the addressee in the usual manner. The addressee will receive a photograph approximately 4 x 5¼ inches of the actual message as written by the sender.

The War Department will furnish V-Mail letter sheets without charge to members of the United States Armed Forces stationed abroad. After the message is written and sealed, it will be dispatched through Army post ofices. If the V-Mail originates abroad where no filming station is in operation, it will be dispatched by the most expeditious means available in its original form. If the V-Mail originates abroad where a filming station is in operation, or where similar facilities are available, the message will be filmed and transmitted through Army and Navy facilities to the nearest V-Mail station in the United States where the message on the film will be reproduced by photography and mailed through the United States Postal Service to destination anywhere in the United States.

Every possible bit of shipping weight and space must be conserved so that the United States Armed Forces will be assured that the maximum shipping space is devoted to the carrying of vital military supplies. Following is a table showing ing by comparison the results which will be obtained in the saving of weight and space through the use of V-Mail:

	No.	Wt.	Mail Sacks Required
Ordinary one-page letters	150,000	2575 lbs.	37
Unfilmed V-Mail letters	150,000	1500 lbs.	22
Micro - filmed V-Mail letters	150,000	45 lbs.	1

The table shows that V-Mail when micro-filmed effects a reduction to aproximately 3.15 percent of the or-

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Names Announced For the New Army General Hospitals

The Adjutant General has announced the names to be given to the new General Hospitals now under construction within the continental limits of the United States.

These hospitals are part of the plans being made to care for the increase in the number of men in the service and are placed at strategic points throughout the country to supplement the hospitals already serving the needs of the sick and wounded.

The new hospitals with their locations are: Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington; McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington; Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California; Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California; McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas; Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas; Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah; Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa; Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Virginia; Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina; Valleg Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

SURGEON GENERAL HAS A MAN'S SIZE JOB IN WAR TIME

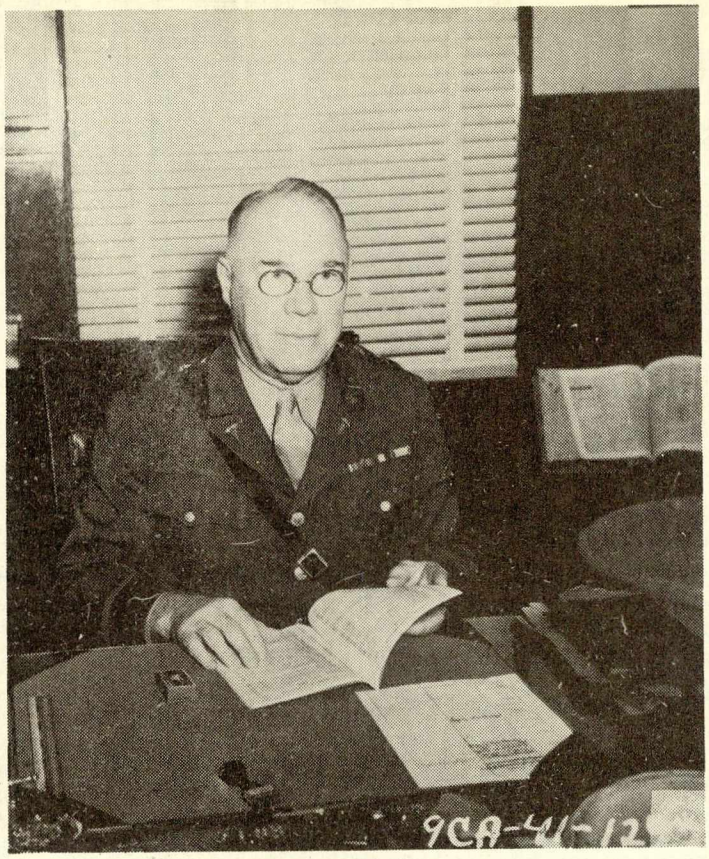
In civilian life, many are prone to depend on "an apple a day to keep the doctor away," or pass off minor ailments as passing ills and let them develop into serious maladies; and then there are those who just love to be taking nose-drops, throat sprays, pills and medications just to make sure "they are taking good care of themselves;" and then there are, of course, those who make a fetish of changing doctors every week, and those who patronize quack advisors, all of which adds up to the fact that over a broad cross-section, only a percentage of the populatiion gets the right treatment at the right time, thus creating the chance that your family, friends or acquainances in civilian life get: no treatment; the wrong treatment; inadequate medical advise.

Such chance does not exist in the army today—the soldier gets the very best medical care from the nations' finest doctors—the cream of the profession. No detail is too small to merit their expert attention. A cut hand that would ordinarily be passed off as an unimportant scratch is given immediate treatment, and a cough or cold, that in civilian life would be treated with some remedies or given no treatment at all, gets hospital care in the army.

In order to keep high standards of health in such a large group, a vast organization is necessary, and that organization must and does have a competent administrator—he is Surgeon General James Carre Magee, a florid, plumpish, pleasant man who could pass for a family physician anywhere. In a sense he is a kind of super-family physician, with soldier patients scattered over the globe. He carries a medical burden unmatched in history. He must watch yellow fever along Africa's torrid Gold Coast and plague in New Guinea; he must keep a sharp eye on mumps in Alabama and cholera in India; flu in Indiana and malaria in Brazil.

The man who bears the weight of this responsibility studied at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and joined the Army on graduation. He went to France in May, 1917, and wound up as chief surgeon of the American First Army.

When he received his appointment as Surgeon General in 1939, he had a corps of 1,200 doctors under him. By the end of the year he will have 30,000 as well as 20,000 nurses. They represent the best trained, best equipped medical corps that ever accompanied troops to war.



Major General JAMES C. MAGEE
Surgeon General, United States Army

The Surgeon General can't, of course, guarantee that soldiers won't be wounded. But once they are wounded he is prepared to provide magnificent care. Ample confirmation for this statement came at Pearl Harbor. Ambulances brought in wounded at a rate surpassing anything seen in 1918. The situation looked hopelessly bleak. But doctors went to work with confidence. They had plasma to fight shock, and the sulfa drugs to fight infection. Thanks to them, doctors were able to hang up a shining record.

Not a man lost an arm or leg because of infection. In the First World War 80 per cent of the soldiers with perforating abdominal wounds died. At Pearl Harbor virtually all who survived shock recovered. Post-operative mortality stood at 3.8 per cent—an incredibly low figure.

To get some notion of the scope of the care being given our soldiers, let's start at the beginning, with the shots that a soldier gets. In World War I soldiers got vaccines to protect them from typhoid fever, paratyphoid and smallpox. This time, in addition, they get shots to ward off tetanus (lockjaw that results from contaminated wounds), and, in some instances, for yellow fever. If they are in North Africa they get added protection against typhus. If they are on the way to India they get vaccine for plague and cholera.

Against the diseases so far mentioned the soldier has more or less positive protection. Meanwhile, the Army has plans for making war on any others that might crop up. It has organized eight commissions, each working on a specific disease problem. Top-notch research men serve on these commissions. In case any disease breaks in epidemic proportions a qualified commission can dive into the problem.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the Army is building a $300,000 lab to investigate health hazards of the tank. Probably most important, they will seek means of lessening the number of skeletal injuries resulting from the beating men take in these iron war horses.

New surgical advances are available to save tremendous numbers of lives. Brain surgery has grown up since the last war. Deft techniques have been devised to treat nearly every type of injury. In the last war one out of every seven men with a compound fracture died. These are the fractures where bones pierce skin, such wounds being invitations to infection. In the past, treatment has been a horrendous affair. The strongest man weakened in the face of daily treatments, given without anesthesia. Today sulfanilmide aids materially in the healing of such wounds.

Besides enlisting the country's finest research brains and providing the best doctors, General Magee has seen to it that the Army has outstanding equipment. The new mobile surgical units, for example, consist of 14 trucks each. Seven of these are ideally designed operating rooms. Surgeons near the front have facilities usually found only in the best hospitals. Other trucks carry supplies, sterilizing and X-ray equipment. These high-speed outfits can roll with the mechanized divisions, ready to wheel into action anywhere. The Army is also buildirng hospital trains—32 bed ward cars, diet-kitchen cars, personnel and record cars.

All these innovations have had tremendous effect on Army health—an effect that will be more marked as time goes on. Look at a few figures to appreciate the condition of the Army today. During the Spanish-American War one out of every 20 soldiers contracted typhoid fever. Ten per cent of these died. During the first half of last year there were only three cases in the entire Army—and no deaths.

Last year there were only one-twentieth as many pneumonia deaths as in 1917, and only one eighth as much tuberculosis. The 50,000 cases of flu that occurred last year were treated so promptly and thoroughly that deaths were kept at a minimum—out of this large group only four died.

Before the war is over it is likely that General Magee will be individu-

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THE AWVS ARE TRULY VOLUNTARY IN DEED AND FACT

The blue-grey uniform of the A.W.V.S. is a familiar sight these days in San Francisco, and welcome, as well, whereever the men of the armed forces are gathered. We have seen these energetic women in a multiplicity of tasks attendant to the idea of service to the men of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard, and their good work is taken for granted, though it does seem appropriate to dig into the foundation and learn something more about the structure of the organization.

The American Womens' Voluntary Service had its inception at New York in January, 1940, when Mrs. Alice T. McLean became the founder and first president of the organization.

Mrs. McLean had been long familiar with the Womens' Voluntary Service of Britain, and had made several trips to England to observe that group in operation. Mrs. McLean shared with Lady Reading the idea that the untrained civilian is of no use in modern warfare, and with that in view the A.W.V.S. was organized to make the civilian a trained and useful member of the community with a knowledge of meeting any and all situations which might arise as a result of a state of war.

The chief object of the A.W.V.S. is to render service that is voluntary. There are no paid employes; every service rendered by the individual members is done without cost to the organization.

The San Francisco chapter of the A.W.V.S. was organized in November, 1941, with Mrs. Nion Tucker as Chairman. It follows a pattern of the general organization in arranging for programs of training and service. Under the training schedule women may take free courses in air-raid protection, communication, motor mechanics, aeronautics, diet and nutrition, convoy driving, map reading, photography, switchboard operation, public speaking and first aid. While under the serving schedule women with previous training may enroll and must give two days of service each week. The nature of their activity comprises canteen work, motor transport, sewing psychological rehabilitation of the newly blind, bond selling, stenography, harvesting of fruit crops, registration and teaching.

There are no enrollment fees, no dues, and no discrimination as to race, creed, or color.



Mrs. NION TUCKER
Chairman of San Francisco Unit AMERICAN WOMENS' VOLUNTARY SERVICES

The San Francisco chapter of the A.W.V.S. now has a membership of over 10,000, with 6,300 active workers. A high percentage of the members are women who have full time paid jobs, but who give to the organization their days off or several evenings of service each week.

In the six months period ending in June, the A.W.V.S. has placed nearly 5,000 volunteers in outside organizations such as Civilian Defense, Army Air Corps, U. S.O., Department of Public Health, War Bond sales at hotels, theatres and stores. The Motor Transport unit has completed almost 10,000 assignments involving the use of transportation available to the organization.

Another feature of the local chapter is a night canteen which has furnished food to over 100,000 men in the course of the past six months. These men are on guard duty at various points throughout the city, and each night the canteen makes its rounds to supply hot coffee and sandwiches. Each night a different group of working girls takes over and pays the cost of the canteen. Each member of the group subscribes $1.00 per month, and when the turn comes for her unit to take up the duty, she reports at the canteen to help make that night's supply of sandwiches, coffee, and so on, before the truck starts on its rounds.

Groups from the larger firms in the city, such as the P. G. & E., Telephone Company, Southern Pacific, Bank of America, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and many others underwrite the canteen costs at least one night each month. And the members of the canteen groups, even though engaged in their normal occupations during the day, by donating their evenings, feel that they are doing at least a small part in the war efforts by the citizens of this community.

The charge has been made that only the socially prominent are eligible for membership in the A.W.V.S.—a charge absolutely without foundation. In the ranks of the organization are women from all walks of life, from the wealthy box holders in the golden horse shoe section of the Opera House to the youngster in her late teens who by day may wrap parcels in the Emporium.

The charge has been made that the money spent for costly uniforms might be better used in the purchase of necessities. It recalls the plaint of Judas when Magdalene laved the feet of the Savior with precious ointments: "These might have been sold for much and the money distributed to the poor." The woolen uniforms actually cost $30 and each member pays for her own.

The A. W. V. S. is proud of its series of slogans, patriotic and psychological, which are displayed in its booklets and on office signs and which recur in A.W.V.S. pep talks. Chief among these is "Unite and Serve," which has such sub-mottos as 'Confused Thinking Slows Action," "Cooperate, Not Duplicate," and "Supplement, Not Supplant." The A.W.V.S.'s policy of supplementation is based on the fact that the organization collaborates with the OCD, all the organizations in the U. S. O., the Red Cross, the Police and Fire Departments, the F.B.I., the Citizens' Committees for Army and Navy, and the Army and Navy themselves.

A writer in the latest issue of the New Yorker states that for various reasons the New York A.W.V.S. consider the Washington, D. C., unit the best, and the San Francisco unit with two others, as the next best. A fine tribute to our local unit and one that is well merited.

The A.W.V.S. does not operate under any Congressional charter and hence has no enjoined duties and no privileges, but it does voluntarily seek out opportunity to be of service to the armed forces and to the civilian community.

As an instance of the latter, at the request of the State Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the State Employment Bureau, the A.W.V.S. has recruited women to harvest the fruit crops. Since June 1, nearly 800 women have enrolled at this office and already hundreds

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EDITORIAL

NEW HOSPITALS

The announcement by the Adjutant General this week designating fifteen new general hospitals by names made famous in the past history of the Medical Department is fitting recognition of the individuals honored in this way.

The personnel of the Medical Department is proud of the achievements of the officers whose memory has been selected for commemoration and feels what they have accomplished may be traced to the enduring devotion to duty characteristic of the Corps.

An army without the Medical Department in peace or war is unthinkable. The twenty-four hours of every day during which the services of the medicos are available has become an accepted fact, and rarely does one ever think about it. A splendid tribute to the effective manner in which the Medical Department fulfills its functions.

The war has placed a great responsibility within the sphere of activity of the medicos and they will not be found wanting. There will be no effort on the part of any individual to achieve honor for himself alone. Each man is part of the team in the grim game ahead.

And everlasting teamwork may well be the motto of the Medical Department at home or overseas, on the front lines or in the new general hospitals.

More than 400 men, it is said, have been saved from a watery grave by a new lapel torch recently perfected by industry. Worn on the life jacket the torch's glowing red bulb leads rescue vessels to men who otherwise might not be found in a dark sea.



We extend a hearty welcome to four members of the Army Nurse Corps now stationed at this hospital:

Miss Rebecca Hoover spent her early years making a round trip—she was born in Putnam County, West Virginia, but her family moved almost immediately to Lucasville, Ohio, where she grew up and attended high school. However, she completed the circle by returning to West Virginia to take her professional training at St. Mary's Hospital at Huntington, where she graduated in 1939. Her time since then has been spent in general duty at the C & O Railroad Hospital, and in floor supervision at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington where she graduated. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, for five months before being transferred to LGH.

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Miss Nona Fulbright was born in Wasco, California, attended the Taft High School, and took her professional training at the Fresno County Hospital, graduating in 1941. Before joining the Army Nurse Corps she did private duty at Taft and general duty at the Taft Community Hospital. Miss Fulbright said there wasn't anything outstanding about her life, but personally we think her lovely red hair would make her stand out anywhere at any time.

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Miss Lorraine Cardinet says she knows a lot about Oakland and San Francisco—but not much about any place else. She was born in Oakland, California, and attended the Alameda High School. After spending one year at the College of Holy Names she took her professional training at Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco, graduating in August, 1941. She continued at Mary's Help Hospital in the capacity of head nurse, joining the Army Nurse Corps on July 6, 1942.

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Miss Clara M. Duley was born in Renfrow, Oklahoma, and attended high school at San Diego, later taking her professional training at the Mercy Hospital in San Diego. After taking post graduate work at the Alameda County Hospital and Stanford Hospital, she returned to the Mercy Hospital. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1941, and was assigned to Ft. Douglas, Utah, where she was stationed until coming to Letterman General Hospital.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Fred Diernisse, the head gardener, planting a few good looking shubs around the fountain.

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The chevrons of a staff sergeant on the blouse of **Fred C. Jacobs.** This item was sent in as copy last week but when the type-setter finished with his end of the job the chevrons belonged to **John Holloway.** Jake got 'em back.

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Staff Sgt. **Clyd Lester,** nervously twirling his tiny mustache while waiting to appear before the board examining officer candidates. And Lester would have to be the last on the line.

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A distinguished visitor to the hospital, **Dr. L. F. von Pritbelwitz van der Horst,** all the way from Batavia in the Dutch East Indies.

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The honest man long sought by Diogenes: Pvt. 1st Cl. **John C. Brown,** on Ward K-1, fondling a wallat containing **$24.00** and returning same to the owner, **Aaron C. Mortenson,** of Ward B-1.

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Miss **Imogene Claybaugh,** for the past year in the office of the local Red Cross, saying au revoir to her friends hereabouts as she was leaving for another position.

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Sergeant **Harry Pomerantz** working an angle to get some more cigarettes from the Chaplain—and failing.

One hundred fifty bicycles can be built from the materials needed to produce one medium-priced automobile.

Printed with a fluorescent chemical, a luminous necktie glows brilliantly in a blackout. After exposure to light the treated pattern will glow about 20 minutes.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 12, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Joseph Frederick Cole, CA, a daughter, Claudette Virginia, six pounds nine and a half ounces, born June 29, 1942.

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To First Sergeant and Mrs. Gustav Schmidt, CA (AA) Fort W. Scott, a daughter, Sandra Lynn, six pounds five and a half ounces, born June 30, 1942.

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To Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Richard G. Bell, WDC, 4th Army, a daughter, Linda Ruth, five pounds fourteen ounces, born July 1, 1942.

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To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Onus M. Comer, AF, AAF, Hamilton Field, a son, Ernest Arthur, seven pounds three ounces, born July 1, 1942.

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To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Pedersen, Q.M., a daughter, Penny Meridell, six pounds fifteen ounces, born July 3, 1942.

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To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Woods, 399th, Q. M., a son, John Alan, eight pounds one ounce, born July 4, 1942.

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To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles G. Litschke, Ordnance Depantment, a daughter, Laura Lee, six pounds six and a half ounces, born July 5, 1942.

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To Captain and Mrs. James H. Farren, CA (AA), a son, James Henry, Jr., seven pounds six ounces, born July 6, 1942.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. VINCENT T. TEDESCHI

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Private Vincent P. Tedeschi has seen more of the country since his induction into the Army, fifteen months ago than during the other twenty-three years of his life combined. And up until May of this year his service has all been in the Coast Artillery—offiically—though he says that he has been a patient in a hospital more than anything else.

His Army record begins in March, 1941 when he reported with other Selective Service inductees of Brooklyn for the draft. He was sent to Camp Upton, Long Island for the initial registration four day period and then was assigned to the Coast Artillery at Fort Eustis, Virginia. However, shortly after his active service began, Vincent was plauged with a series of infections which managed to keep him hospitalized a great deal of the time. Consequently, he was sent to Camp Davis, North Carolina when he was released from the hospital and learned that his outfit had been moved. It was the same story at Camp Davis. He had been there only a short time before he was hospitalized again and when he was released from the hospital five months later he learned that once again he had been left behind. His next transfer, still in the Coast Artillery, took him to Vallejo, California, and he arrived there only to learn that his outfit once again was "on the go." So Tedeschi applied for transfer to the Medical Corps and was sent to Letterman General Hospital, arriving here in May of this year.

One of nine children, Vincent learned to take care of himself early in life. A crippled father was unable to take care of the entire family so when Vincent had completed his work in the Public Schools in Brooklyn he decided it was time to take off his coat and get in and help earn a living for the rest of the family. His work carried him over a number of jobs: the drug business, Electrical and Gas warehouse work, the tailoring business and driving a truck for a milk concern. "And best of all," says Vincent, "is work in the outdoors."

Tedeschi has visions of going back to school—if it isnt too late—when he gets out of the service. He is desirous of studying the Fur Business, and then going into business for himself. A very short acquaintance with that type of work while working in the Tailoring business has fired him with an enthusiasm which seems unquenchable.

Vincent is an active type and his choice of hobbies proves it. He likes to swim or go horseback riding or dance—chiefly dance. However a good book in the evenings when teh other activities are not available is quite acceptable.

OUTLET FOR THOSE WITH ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT IN THIS INVITATION

To the soldiers whose profession or interest in civil life was in any of the arts of Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, Music, Literature or the Stage(Opera, Dance, Drama)—an invitation is extended by The Arts Personal Contact Bureau Headquarters of San Francisco at Garden Court Studios, 450 Grant avenue in Chinatown, to enable them to make personal contacts with leading artists in the different fields of interest.

Not an entertainment feature, the purpose of his invitation is to enable artists to keep in touch with their professions while in the service; and it is endorsed by the leading art and musical organizations in San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Managing Director of The Arts Personal Contact Bureau, Charles Cooper, announces the chairmen of the Hospitality Committee as follows: ARCHITECTURE: Hervey P. Clark, architect; SCULPTURE: Ralph Stackpole and Frederick Olmsted, sculptors; COMPOSERS: Wesley La Violette, composer; MUSIC: Pierre Monteux, conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, Dr. Hans Leschke, Director of the Municipal Chorus, Naoum Blinder, Concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony; DRAMA: Reginald Travers, Director of the Lyceum Players; ARTS AND CRAFTS: Dorothy Wright Liebes, Edwin Grabhorn, the Grabhorn Press; LITERATURE: Oscar Lewis, Novelist; Dance: William Christensen, Director San Francisco Opera Ballet; PAINTING: William L. Gerstle, and William Gaw, painters, and Ray Bethers, Advertising Artist.

Visiting hours are from 11:00 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. week days and Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 6:30 a. m. and 8:00 to 10:00 p. m. Seperate times for both commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates have been arranged: Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday for the former, and Friday, Sunday and Monday for the latter.

OUR KEGLERS STILL MAKE MOST POINTS —BUT STILL LOSE AT TEN PINS

Out-pointed and out-played by the Fielding Hotel bowling team, the Letterman squad lost two of the three games in the 875 Handicap League played at the New Downtown Bowling Alley.

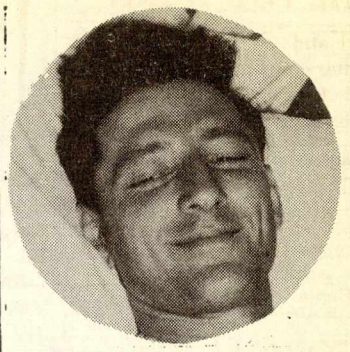
The Medics won the second series of play with the total of 956 against the Hotel squad's 799, or a 157 pin difference. The first and third series scores were both in the Medic's favor 819 to 816 and 857 to 844, but the 33 pins spotted the Fielding team was too much to overcome.

Sgt. Paul Mottier still leads the Letterman General Hospital squad with a 580 triple average. He is followed by M/Sgt. Kuntz with 561, Sgt/T Wilcox with 513, Sgt. Yohe with 499 and Cpl. Marano with 469. Manager of the team, M/Sgt. Kuntz announces that these scores are not good enough, however, to qualify the team for competition in the coming winter league.

Scores:

LETTERMAN				
Mottier	177	192	211	580
Wilcox	151	195	167	513
Marano	150	160	159	469
Yohe	154	192	153	499
Kuntz	187	217	177	561
Totals	819	956	857	
FIELDING HOTEL				
Jacobsen	171	192	167	530
Franklin	145	153	197	500
Oran	176	128	145	449
Billingsley	171	171	171	513
Gustafson	184	150	164	497
Totals	816	799	844	

ON THE SPOT



STANLEY E. ROBBINS
Master Sergeant, Finance Dept.

"I was born in Le Mars, Iowa, on February 12, 1914, said M/Sgt. Stanley E. Robbins, patient on Ward E-1, who was being "put on the spot." "I graduated from high school at Grand Island, Nebraska in 1931. From this time until December 4, 1936, at which time I enlisted in the U. S. Army, I completed one year of college and held many different types of positions in many different communities."

"I enlisted in the Medical Corps at Letterman General Hospital December 4, 1936. I served as a private in the Medical Corps until December 15, 1937, at which time I transferred to the Quartermaster Corps at this station. I remained here until December 3, 1939, then re-enlisted in the Finance Department. I was assigned to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and I was privileged to stay there until January 23, 1941, when I was promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo, California. On September 9, this year, I received my warrant as Technical Sergeant and transferred to Fort McDowell, California. I received the promotion to the grade of Master Sergeant February 21, 1942, and am still stationed at Fort McDowell."

Several of the older men in the Detachment going through Ward E-1 paused at Robbins' bedside with the invariable greeting of "What'cha know, Moe?" And inquiry into the name "Moe" Robbins dates back to the 1930's when Letterman was winning baseball championships quite regularly, and Robbins was regular first sacker with several of those championship teams. And Moe Robbins enjoyed a reputation that nearly any ball player would envy.

M/Sgt. Robbins is married and the father of two children—one, he beamed, a brand new addition to the family.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Horace C. Ferguson, appointed TECHNICAL SERGEANT: Fred C. Jacobs, Donald F. Allison, Rudolph O. Shellhorn, William E. Thomas, Rosco J. Willey, and Ernest S. Brenzel, appointed STAFF SERGEANTS; George J. Devine, Harold Lynch, George W. Norvelle, Leonard P. Bell, Paul F. Mottier, Edward D. Erickson and Otis F. Morris appointed SERGEANTS: Jerold M. Gorb, Waverly T. Carpenter and Everett W. Berry appointed TECHNICIANS FOURTH GRADE; Arlis V. Sherman, John Y. James, Moon J. Lee, Ralph M. Mason and Alexander A. Peck, appointed CORPORALS; Gregory C. Browne, Werner N. Blachstad, Manuel Gonzales and Norman N. Gray appointed TECHNICIANS FIFTH GRADE; and Jerry L. Swaner, George E. Leyrer, Jr., John P. Norris, and Harold O. Peery, appointed PRIVATES FIRST CLASS.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined this station during the past week. They are: Privates George E. Morey, Robert L. Ridolfi, Euclid E. Wilkinson and Ray L. Germore.

A marriage of interest was performed for Private Roy W. Zeran and Miss Rose Schrunk on July 2nd by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna in the hospital chapel.

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INTERESTING TO SEE: Cpl. Moon J. Lee wandering around the Service Club looking for his shoes that someone took off his feet while he slept in one of the easy chairs in the club.

Sgt. Patrick J. Wilds suddenly acquiring gray hair—suddenly? Well, during the last month or two. Worried, Pat?

Four cooks from the main hospital each day marching back to the barracks after work—all abreast, and each with a big black cigar in his mouth.

Sgt./T Trace Carpenter beaming over the new baby girl that his wife presented him June 27.

Sgt. John B. Davidson wondering if it would be wise to ask for a transfer to the Home Guard near his home—he says the bass and cat-fishing is good way donwn that way.



Staff Sgt. ROSCO J. WILLEY
Receiving the warrant which added the lower loop to his chevron and elevated him to rank with the "first three" of the non-commissioned grades. The Detachment Commander yielded to the Post Chaplain the honor of presenting the warrant to Sgt. Willey.

A.W.V.S. VOLUNTARY IN DEED AND FACT

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are at work. The A.W.V.S. is proud of the fact that it has enrolled and put to work more women workers than any other volunteer organization up to date.

Another civilian activity is Children's Vacation Lunches, a program which the A.W.V.S. has started at the Father Crowley Playground in San Francisco, a vacation noon-time lunch service for the children of working mothers. During the school year lunches are made available to the children, but no provision is made for many of these in vacation time.

In addition to the work of the senior units, girls between the ages of 14 to 18 have been formed into junior units. They are active as messengers for all departments, and in the canteen at the headquarters of the A.W.V.S. at the Federal Building, and supervising the distribution of the Children's Vacation Lunches.

At the request of the United States Forestry Service, and A.W.V.S. is just starting a course in which instruction is given in preventing and suppressing small fires, forest and grain, and those caused by incendiaries of all kinds.

The officers of the San Francisco unit of the A.W.V.S. are Mrs. Nion Tucker, chairman; Mrs. Jerd F. Sullivan, vice-chairman; Mrs. Robert Wiel, secretary, and Mrs. Wesley Dumm, treasurer. The executive board of which the above are ex-officio members is comprised of Mrs. George Pope, Jr., Mrs. W. K. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Robert Wiel, Mrs. E. S. Heller, and Mrs. Marie H. Hamlin.

To sum up the entire program of the A.W.V.S., we might put it in the words of a bluejacket who was asked as to just what these women did, and he replied, "Oh, them, they're the gals what fill the gaps."

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Once again the schools are losing a good man, Corporal Frank R. Dudley, assistant instructor at the Surgical School, left Wednesday of this week to attend the Signal Corps Officers Candidate School, at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, Corporal Dudley, hails from Oklahoma City, and will stop home en-rout for a couple of days to see his parents, congratulations Corporal, and the best of luck to you.

Sgt. Paul Wright, our charge of quarters will be another man to leave us soon, Sgt. Wright has received notice that he has been accepted as a Flying Cadet in the Air Corps, and will leave as soon as there is an opening for him, Wright has been in the Detachment since the schools opened up, it looks like we are losing all of our old timers.

Sixteen of our students have returned from detached service to Danville, Kentucky, all reported a fine trip, and were glad to be back in cool San Francisco.

And speaking of the weather, one of our former students writes us from Indio, California, Quote, "It was cool today, the temperature has dropped to one hundred and twenty degrees in the shade, and we have no shade." Unquote.

S/Sgt. Herman R. Knoller, is having a time these days, besides his regular work in the school supply he has a family of five little kittens to take care of, they are about three weeks old and Sgt. Knoller is trying to find a home for four of them, any bidders?

We are sorry to hear that Lt. Nelson of the X-Ray School is a patient in the hospital, at the present time we do not know what the trouble is but we do hope that you get well soon Lt.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

1st. Sgt. H. A. Fauske, leaving early Sunday morning so that he and the very special girl friend can spend a lazy day at the beach.

The looks of surprise on the new students faces, when they found out that San Francisco, was too cool to wear sun-tan uniforms.

An airplane manufacturer has substituted "attack plant" for "defense plant' in all factory signs.

Nurse Quintette From Middle West Join Station Here

Last week the personnel of Letterman General Hospital united to extend a warm welcome to five new additions to the hospital's nursing staff, all transferred here from Billings General Hospital, Fort Harrison, Indiana.

MISS Blanche J. McCall was born in Winchester, Indiana, attended high school in her native town, and took her professional training at the Springfield City Hospital, graduating in 1926. Since that time she has done private and general duty in Winchester, Indiana, joining the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1942, and going to Billings General Hospital on her first assignment.

Miss Mary F. McKenna was born in Corning, Ohio, attended the St. Bernard High School at Corning, Ohio, and took her professional training at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, completing her course in 1929. Until joining the Army Nurse Corps in March of this year, she had continued with private duty nursing at the Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Miss Helen Hodson was born in Miami County, Indiana, attended the Converse Indiana High School and took her professional training at the Methodist Hospital, Indianaplis, Indiana, graduating in September, 1940. Helen pursued her main interest in operating room nursing at Peru, Indiana, until March 7, 1942, when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Billings General Hospital.

Miss Betty Baker was born in Dayton, Ohio, attended the Stivers High School in Dayton, and took her professional training at the Miami Valley Hospital, graduating in 1939. Private duty nursing in Dayton occupied her time until March, 1942, when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at the Billinrgs General Hospital.

Miss Eunice Z. Thorp was also born in Dayton, Ohio, attended the Stivers High School in Dayton, took her professional training at the Miami Valley Hospital, and graduated in 1937. She specialized in pediatrics in Miami Valley and then became interested in industrial and welfare work in Dayton. On joining the Army Nurse Corps early in 1942 she was stationed at Billings General Hospital.

Serve in Silence



STAFF SERGEANT THOMAS R. BELL, N.C.O., in charge of recreation, admiring the trophy won by the Letterman Soft Ball nine in the Presidio League. Sgt. Merle C. West, manager of the team, also seems to be well pleased as he keeps a tight grip on the trophy.

V-MAIL PHOTOGRAPHED

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iginal volume and weight. Through the use of V-Mail, either when micro-filmed or in its original form, a greater number of letters can be delivered to soldiers overseas by one boat or plane than would be possible through the use of ordinary mail.

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SHIPBUILDING

The Maritime Commission said shipbuilding has not yet eqalled total sinkings, but delivery of 66 ships totaling 730,000 tons by American shipyards in June set a new world's record for steel ship construction and represented an increase of 450 percent in volume of construction since Pearl Harbor. The War Shipping Administration reported the U. S. will operate between 2,200 and 2,600 merchant vessels this year.

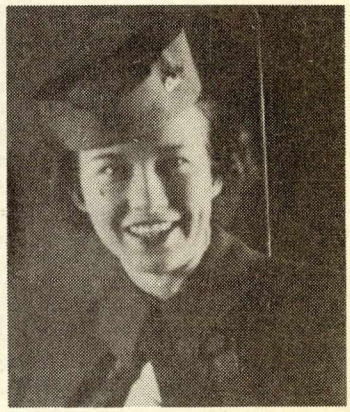
SURGEON GENERAL

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ally responsible for the health of more men than any other person in history. Any doubts about the quality of this care should be banished. As far as health is concerned, every son, brother or husband in the Army is undoubtedly better off in the Army than he would be at home.

Stewardess Nurse Doffs Powder Blue To Join the ANC

Laying aside the attractive powder blue uniform she wore a a stewardess nurse on the trains of the Union Pacific Railroad for the past year Miss Mary E. Burnett will for the immediate future wear the starched white of an army nurse in the performance of her duties at Letterman Hospital, where she took the oath on reporting here Monday last.



MARY E. BURNETT
2nd Lieut. A.N.C.

Miss Burnett was born in Lenox, South Dakota, and went to high school in Centerville of the same state. Her professional training was taken at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. Following her graduation in 1940 she was on the staff of the Children's Hospital in Chicago and later went to working on the railroad. When the stewardess-nurse were withdrawn from the trains of the Union Pacific in January of this year Miss Burnett took a position in business until she accepted an appointment in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATRE

JULY 11th and 12th:
LARCENY INCORPORATED Edward G. Robinson and Jane Wyman. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 14th and 15th:
THIS TIME FOR KEEPS—Robert Sterling and Ann Rutherford. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 16th and 17th:
SUNDAY PUNCH—William Lundigan and Jean Rogers. Also Short Subjects.

Serve in Silence

SOFT BALL PENNANT WINNERS IN IN PRESIDIO LEAGUE



STANDING left to right:—Silas Craig, Edward F. Haverty, Primo D. Bazzani, Henry O. Pazella, Milton D. Carlson, Lawrence E. Evans and Robert G. Carroll. Seated left to right:—R. H. Morey, William F. De Mello, Captain Thomas R. Bell, E. & R. Steward, Merle C. West, Manager, Captain Frank R. Day, Recreation Officer, Albert Giovanetti, George E. Leyrer, Jr., and Arthur B. Anderson.

LETTERMAN CHAMPS STILL HOT AND EDGE OUT SAFEWAY IN CLOSE GAME

Lanky Ed Haverty, Letterman Third Sacker, spelled doom for the Safeway contingent in a practice tilt Monday night at Rolph Field. Haverty played an excellent game afield, and topped off a perfect defensive performance with a hard hit home run in the last half of the seventh inning to break up one of the best ball games played on the Rolph Field this year.

It was strictly a pitchers' duel from the first inning, with Bobby Carroll sending them back to the bench for Letterman, and young Jimmy Kincannon doing the hurling for Safeway. Prior to Haverty's roundtripper, no man on either ball club had advanced past second base, and the hitting had been scarce and scattered. The Medics collected 2 blows to 3 for Safeway.

Monday's defeat was the first Safeway has suffered this year. They beat Letterman earlier in the season 4 to 0 when Kincannon came through with a no-hit no-run performance.

LETTERMAN

	AB	H	R
DeMello, c	3	0	0
Fogle, 1b	3	0	0
White, cf	2	0	0
Haverty, 3b	2	1	1
Craig, 2b	2	0	0
Morey, ss	2	1	0
Vicker, lf	2	0	0
Carlson, sf	2	0	0
Bazzani, rf	2	0	0
Carroll, p	2	0	0
Totals	22	2	1

SAFEWAY

	AB	H	R
Navaretto, ss	3	0	0
Kincannon, p	3	0	0
Farrell, lf	3	1	0
Swelfallon, 2b	3	1	0
Pann, rf	3	0	0
Bananas, 1b	2	1	0
Webber, sf	3	0	0
Nieri, c	3	0	0
Dufranes, cf	2	0	0
Hayes, 3b	1	0	0
Totals	26	3	0

SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
LETTERMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SAFEWAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Serve in Silence

Q. M. NEWS

Major Hubert A. Stecker, the Quartermaster of the Hospital, already a veteran of two wars, was placed on the Retired List on June 30th, but remains on duty as Quartermaster of the Hospital, as he was recalled to active duty on July 1.

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Technical Sergeant Henry J. Brown left for the Officer Candidate School at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, on June 30, and will no doubt be sporting the gold bars in the near future. Sgt. Brown takes with him the very best wishes of the entire personnel for every success.

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WE SEE: Brand new Technical Sergeant chevrons on the arms of Sergeant Kenneth L. Pieper, who was promoted to that grade on July 1. Sergeant Pieper assumed the duties of Acting First Sergeant of the Q. M. Detachment upon the departure of Sgt. Brown, in addition to his other duties of Assistant to the Chief Clerk and those of Procurement Clerk. We extend our congratulations.

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New Corporal (T) chevrons on the **arms** of Corporal Gregory C. Browne **of** the Transportation Office, who is also sporting a brand new mustache to go with the new chevrons.

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New Private First Class chevrons on the arms of one of our expert bakers, Private First Class Jerry Swaner, and we can expect as a result thereof to see the bread assume just a bit more perfection.

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Those interested in Art would do well to obtain a copy of the July 6 issue of LIFE magazine and study the technique of our Private First Class Torcom K. Bedayan, as illustrated on Page 34. Bedayan is to be congratulated on the selection of his painting for publication. Although we didn't get to help spend the $50.00 prize, we are very proud to have him in our organization.

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Why are the married men happy??

BUY WAR STAMPS TODAY

BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS

THE FOG HORN

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Major Gene Manning Lifts His Lares And Leaves

In this day and age when an officer receives orders for a change of station it does not ordinarily come under the head of news, but when the War Department decides that Major Gene Manning has been long enough at this station, then that item belongs on the front page.

As the destination of any officer on change of station is more or less restricted information we have to build our story around Gene's leaving and avoid saying where he is going. In fact, we imagine that he will travel backward just to keep Letterman in view as long as possible after his departure. Like the dodo bird he maintains an interest in where he has been, and as for what is ahead, quien sabe?

Major Manning joined the garrison at Letterman a little more than three years ago and in that time he has been listed on our inventory of personnel as an asset. He was very active in club affairs and could always be counted on to extend his aid above and beyond the limits of straight duty. Wherever the major was to be seen there began life in the surrounding group. The contemplatives sitting on their shoulder blades in the easy chairs of the Staff Room organized into discussion groups immediately after Major Manning appeared. He never started anything—merely blew it into being.

There has been talk on all sides about this country taking the offensive in this war, and we know that wherever Major Manning finally takes station will cease to be a quiet sector.

Serve in Silence



Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD I. AMORY, M. C.

Chief of the Radiological Service at Letterman General Hospital is receiving the congratulations of his friends on his recent promotion to that rank.

Nazis Will Find Us Bigger Than Last Time

The average American soldier of today surpasses in both stature and weight the average citizen who entered the Army in 1917. Medical records of the War Department prove it.

In 1917 the average citizen-soldier was 67.49 inches tall, but now the average is 68.19 inches—an increase of seven-tenths of an inch.

In 1917 the average soldier tipped the scales at 141.5 pounds, but the present average is 151.3 pounds—an increase of 9.8 pounds.

Surgeon General's Report Has Army In Fine Health

The War Department announced today that the Surgeon General reports that the health of the Army is excellent. Admissions and deaths from disease during the two years in which millions of men from all parts of the country have been mobilized and have engaged in exensive maneuvers, have remained as low as the admissions and deaths from disease in the small Regular Army of previous years.

There was no general outbreak of acute respiratory diseases in the winter months. Compared to the previous winter there was a reduction tf 52 per cent for all diseases and 70 per cent for respiratory infections. Since the winter months admission rates for all causes have shown a steady decline of nearly 25 per cent. The principal reduction is due to a falling off in respiratory infections.

The veneral disease rates have shown a steady decline in the past few months as much as 30 per cent in the case of gonorrhea, and are now lower than at any time since the beginning of mobilization. The syphilis rate for the first five months of 1942 is the lowest in the history of the Army.

The Army is cooperating closely with the state and local health officials, the United States Public Health Service, the Division of Social Protection of the Federal Security Association and the American Social Hygiene Association. In most communities excellent cooperation has been received from the local law enforcement agencies.

In order to augment the program of control of veneral disease, an of-

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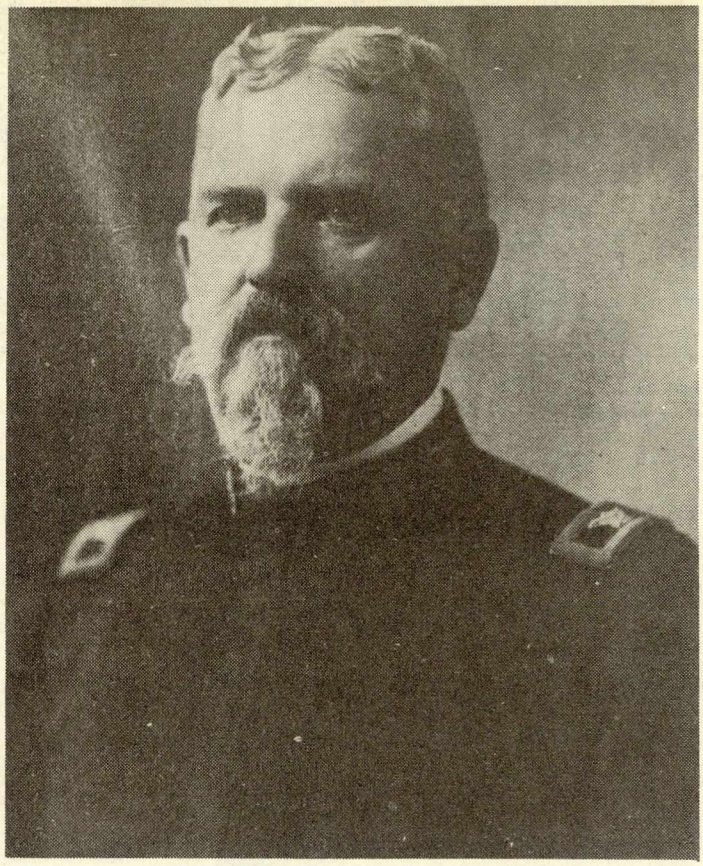
GEN. GIRARD, FIRST OF LETTERMAN COMMANDING OFFICERS

In the office of the commanding officer of Letterman General Hospital a row of photographs is hung on three sides of the walls. These are photographs of the officers who have been in command of this hospital from the time of its organization as an army general hospital until the present date.

The first picture, reading from left to right, is that of Colonel Alfred C. Girard, a later brigadier general, who was the first commanding officer of this hospital, and was stationed here from 1899 to 1901.

A biographical sketch furnished through the courtesy of Colonel James E. Ash, M. C., Curator of the Army Medical Museum, is published here for the information of all those who are interested in the history of Letterman Hospital.

Colonel Ash in turn credits Colonel James M. Phalen, U. S. Army, Retired, for the biographical data which he arranged.



Brigadier General ALFRED C. GIRARD

Alfred Conrad Girard, (July 31, 1841—January 31, 1914), was born in Basel, Switzerland, the son of Professor Conrad F. Girard, of the University of Basel. He was given the degree of A. B. by the university of his home city in 1857, after which he entered the University of Wurzburg, Germany, where he received his medical degree in 1864. Attracted by the opportunity for military service in the Civil War he came to the United States and was appointed an acting assistant surgeon in the Union army on January 19, 1865. He was serving at Charleston, S. C., when on May 14, 1867, he was commissioned as an assistant surgeon in the medical corps. While here he accompanied the 6th Infantry to Big Sandy Creek in the Cherokee Nation and attended the regiment through an outbreak of cholera. He spent the following four years in short tours at Fort Pike and Baton Rouge, La., and Forts McKevite, Duncan, Brown and Ringgold in Texas. In December, 1872, he went from Brownville to New York by boat and after short tours at Fort Pulaski, Ga., and Yorkville, S. C., he went to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was stationed for the next three years. In October, 1876, he took a leave and spent six months in the surgical clinics of Europe. He returned in April, 1877, and from his next station at Fort Randall, Dakota, he sent "A Report of the Materials Used in Lister's System of Wound Treatment" which was published in Circular Order No. 3, S.G.O., Washington, August 20, 1877. He was an accomplished surgeon and a pioneer in the American employment of the antiseptic method in the operating room. He spent the years from 1878 to 1884 in the busy post of Fort Keogh, during which time he was in the field with Colonel Nelson A. Miles in a campaign against the Sioux in 1879. In 1880 he accompanied an exploring party which spent two months in the Yellowstone National Park. After a short tour of duty as attending surgeon at Department headquarters at Fort Leavenworth in 1884 and another short period at Fort Porter, N. Y., he went to Boise Barracks, Idaho, where he spent the years 1885 to 1889. He had reached the grade of captain on May 14, 1870, and on November 17, 1887, he was promoted to the grade of major. Two years of post duty at Fort Niagara, N. Y. (1889-1891), were followed by four years (1891-1895) at Fort Sheridan, Ill. In 1893 he was a delegate to the meeting of the American Medical Association at Milwaukee. He served at Fort Douglas, Utah, from November, 1895, until the onset of the Spanish-American War, which found him in Madrid, Spain, as a delegate to the Ninth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography. Returning to the United States in 1898 he was on temporary duty at West Point and then was commissioned a chief surgeon of volunteers with the rank of lieutenant colonel and assigned to the 2nd Army Corps at Camp Alger, Va. He was on this duty, later at Camp Meade, Pa., and Camp McKenzie, Ga., until April 12, 1899, when he was discharged from his volunteer commission and ordered to San Francisco. Arrived here in May he was appointed a medical inspector and assigned to the construction of a general hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco. He was appointed commanding officer of the hospital June 1, 1899, and held this place until June 29, 1902. During that time there were 19,000 admissions to the hospital, the majority invalided back from duty in the Philippine Islands. He was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel on October 8, 1900, and to colonel on June 28, 1902. Upon his relief from the Presidio hospital he was presented with a silver loving cup by the officers of the hospital in token of their admiration and esteem.

Colonel Girard served in the office of The Surgeon General in Washington from July to November, 1902, and then at his own request was sent to Manila as chief surgeon of the Department of the Philippines. After a year of this service he returned to San Francisco in February, 1904, where for the following year he served as chief surgeon of the Department of California. He was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General on April 6, 1905, and was retired the following day at his own request.

In civil life he may well have achieved a successful career comparable to that of Dr. Nicholas Senn, a fellow Swiss and close friend. He made a study of the effects of bullets from the new small calibre rifles and presented a report to the Washington meeting in 1894 of the Association of Military Surgeons, of which he was one of the earliest members. He translated and edited Alexander Payer's "Clinical Microscopy" (1885) from the manuscripts of two German editions.

After his retirement General Girard went to Chicago and was appointed librarian of the medical section of the John Crerar Library. He had married early in his army career while stationed at Charleston, S. C., Anna Rebecca Epping, daughter of a German-born resident of that city. A sister married Egon A. Koerper, also of the medical corps. In 1910, on account of Mrs. Girard's health, they went to Germany, where they spent a year mainly at Carlsbad. Returning to the United States in 1911 they took up their residence in Washington where Mrs. Girard died in 1913. General Girard died from appendicitis in Walter Reed General Hospital in the following year. Both are buried near the Ft. Myer gate in Arlington Cemetery. Four children survived their parents. A son, Alfred O. Girard, was a business man in Chicago. Three daughters, Alice, Flora and Violet, married Isaac C. Jenks, Ross L. Bush, and Arthur R. Kirwin, respectively, all infantry officers of the army.

Serve in Silence

NURSES FROM EAST AND MIDDLE WEST ARRIVE FOR DUTY

The Californians on our nursing staff have had at last to assume the defensive against the onslaughts of their sisters in the profession who have been pouring in to Letterman in the past week.

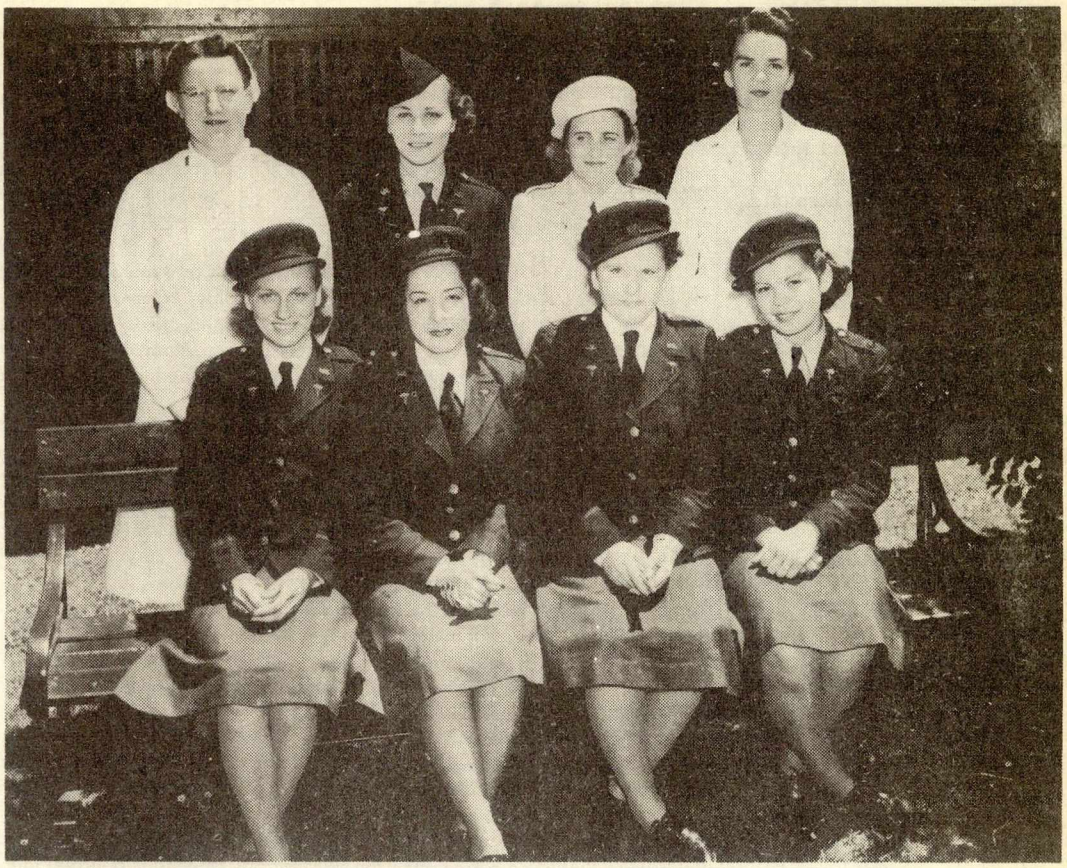
Up to now we have all been in agreement about the climate and the scenic beauty and joie de vivre—all to be found in the superlative degree in our native state.

But now comes a delegation from Fort Monmouth and another from Fort Hancock, both groups singing the praises of New Jersey, and leaving us to wonder whether or not they are victims of the "Jersey Bounce" to explain their leaving the eastern seashore for what they contemptuously term "this."

While the Jerseyites initiated the frontal attack flanking forays were made by detachments from Fort Knox in Kentucky and Fort Custer in Michigan.

In this battle time is on our side and we venture the prediction that all of our newcomers will be loyal Californians in less than six months.

The names of our new associates with a brief biographical sketch of each follows:



Top row, left to right—all from Fort Hancock, New Jersey: Margaret M. Wright, Victoria C. Gerben, Alice G. Wallenberg, Madeline McManus. Lower row—all from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey: Margaret A. Pawloski, Anne P. Detrano, Alberta L. Brittain, Julia A. Gallagher.

Miss Anne P. Detrano was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, attended Demarest High School in Hoboken, New Jersey, and took her professional training at the Monmounth Memorial Hospital at Long Branch, New Jersey, graduating in 1941. Until joining the Army Nurse Corps in May of this year she did general duty nursing at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York.

Miss Albirta Brittain was born in Hickory, North Carolina, attended Claremont High School in Hickory, and took her professional work at Lebannon Hospital in New York City, graduating in 1930. Since then she has devoted her time to general duty nursing at Morrisania City Hospital, Park East Hospital, and at the Wadsworth Sanitarium in New York.

Miss Julia A. Gallagher was born in Camden, New Jersey, attended Hammonton High School in New Jersey, and trained at the Atlantic City Hospital. Since graduating in 1941 she has done general duty nursing at this same hospital.

Miss Margaret Pawloski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, attended Lincoln High School in New Jersey, and took her training at the St. Francis Hospital. Since graduating in 1935 she has done general duty at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City.

Miss Madeline McManus was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, attended Greenwich High School and trained at Philadelphia Childrens' Hospital, graduating in 1937. After taking a post graduate course in communicable diseases at Essex County Hospital, she entered the New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, and remained there until joining the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Margaret Wright was born in Sea Isle City, New Jersey, went to Ocean City High School in New Jersey, and trained at Philadelphia General Hospital, graduating in 1940. Until joining the Army Nurse Corps she did general duty and head nursing at the Philadelphia General Hospital. She has always liked to play basketball, but doesn't get much of a chance now.

Miss Victoria C. Gerben was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, attended the Perth Amboy High Shcool, and trained at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, graduating in 1939. After doing private duty for a while she did general duty at the Medical Center in Jersey City.

Miss Alice G. Wallenberg, born in Cleveland, Ohio, attended Kearny High School and took her training at St. Michael's Newark, New Jersey, graduating in 1936. The past five years have been spent in general duty at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital and private duty. She likes tennis, horseback riding, photography, collecting old pennies and is making a crocheted table cloth, which, like the brook, goes on forever.

Miss Ellen James was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, went to Girls' High School in Philadelphia, and trained at Northeastern Hospital in Philadelphia, graduating in 1940. She has done general duty at St. Christopher's Hospital and post graduate work in psychiatry at Friend's Hospital in Philadelphia. She likes horseback riding, and prints and develops her own camera film.

Miss Frances F. Dustin was born in Shoals, Indiana, attended Shoals High School, and the Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis for her professional training. Upon graduating in 1933 she continued at the Methodist Hospital doing private duty, staff, supervising and surgical nursing until 1938. Being interested in public health work she become a County Nurse until 1942, when, upon joining the Army Nurse Corps she was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Miss Jean M. Evans was born in Oak Hill, West Virginia, attended Alderson Junior College and Academy, and completed her nurses' training at Charleston General Hospital, West Virginia, in 1934. After a year as nurse in a large industrial

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THE FOG HORN

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OUR OPINION, TOO

During the war with Germany of 1917-1918, there was developed among the soldiers of the A.E.F. considerable antipathy toward the members of some of the organizations which send "war workers" overseas. We need not mention those which were well thought of or distinguish them from those which were unpopular. We need merely mention, it is believed, the fact that most of the misunderstandings and difficulties arose from the use of "special service" workers without real masculine understanding.

It has been suggested to some of the organizations, informally, as we have stated, that there is a means of avoiding this same difficulty in the present war against the dictators. We have not heard of the procedure being adopted as a broad policy. We, therefore, reiterate the proposal which seems to have so much merit.

It was proposed that the U.S.O. man its establishments with veterans of the last war, and that these veterans wear the uniform or at least the cap of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, whichever they happen to belong to. That uniform would be visible symbol to Johnny Buck that the man behind the counter has the soldier viewpoint and is not a mere soft-soap sissy. It will also be assurance to those who administer such affairs that their personnel are of the type which will start with the advantage of an understanding of soldier psychology. This is what the Army and Navy would appreciate.

—Reprinted from the Army & Navy Register

THE OBSERVER SAW

Captain **Lemuel R. Williams** working as usual on the thirtieth anniversary of his entry into the military service. He would not even let any one in on the date in advance. He is still good for thirty years more.

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The officers no longer waving their way along the corridors of the hospital. The definition placing the corridors "indoors" meets with universal satisfaction.

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The lawn sprinklers giving the early morning wallsers-to-work a free shower—but no soap or towels.

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The bakers in the Quartermaster bakery always on the job in their up to the minute plant. Off the beaten track but a busy spot when they are in the dough.

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Many pleased expressions at the news the House and Senate had both passed the bill giving fair recognition to the officers of the M.A.C.

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Miss **Jane Sanctuary** having a handsome young aviator for the other half of a twosome at a corner table in the P. X. Grill one date at luncheon.

Frank O'Brien upped to Master Sergeant for his good work in the baggage Room and **James C. Strickland** made a Tech. Sergeant for his long years in the post office. Congratulations to both.

Emblem of Honor For Army Mother Of San Francisco

Four men in the Army and all four of the men in her family brought a four-star honor pin to Mrs. Frank Drake of San Francisco this week.

Mrs. Drake's husband is Colonel Frank Drake of the Coast Artillery Corps, and her three sons, Major Leland R. Drake, Captain Frank Drake, and Cadet Robert Drake make up the quartet serving their country at this time.

The medal which was awarded to Mrs. Drake bears a gold eagle and four stars and was presented by the Emblem of Honor Association of New York.

A N C



All of us are happy to know that **Miss Knierim** continues to make favorable progress toward recovery from the effects of her recent accident. She can still swing that left arm.

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Miss **Ida E. Peschon**, recently promoted to Chief Nurse, is now working out of the office and lending a hand to Miss **Mary Katherine Cuppy** who is the acting Principal Chief Nurse these days.

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Miss **Alice G. Wallenberg** arrived here from Fort Hancock in her white summer palm beach uniform but by this time it is in moth balls for the duration of her stay in San Francisco.

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Whoever designed the taxi driver caps for uniform wear to replace the tricky overseas caps gets no applause from this column.

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Miss **Orah D. Stephenson**, formerly of this hospital, and now a Chief Nurse at a Georgia camp, sends a post card from Florida where she was comparing the relative merits of that place with our Golden State. She says she still likes California and so we still like Miss Stephenson.

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Miss **Eileen Brady**, Chief Nurse at Camp Callan, was a recent visitor here.

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According to the daily papers five of the nurses who recently returned from Bataan have been promoted to the rank of Chief Nurse and will be assigned to station on completion of current leave of absence.

Blankets Given by Ladies of G.A.R.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic who hold membership in Ellsworth Circle No. 6, of which Mrs. Nellie Wyland is president, have generously donated to Letterman Hospial for the use of the patients five chair blankets and two chair cushions.

Some of our patients will have reason to be grateful for the kind thought of these ladies.

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 19, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Command is extended to Captain Douglas S. Throwell, Assistant Adjutant, on the death of his father which occured on Wednesday of this week.

CHARLES S. SLY

Captain Charles S. Sly, United States Army, retired, died at his home in San Francisco on Thursday of last week. He had been in failing health for some time but the end came suddenly.

Captain Sly had served in the army for 34 years prior to his retirement for physical disability in 1932 and the last 12 years of his service had been as an officer of the Medical Administrative Corps. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and World War I.

Funeral services were conducted by the California Commandery, Knights Templar, on Monday afternoon and interment followed in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, with full military honors.

Captain Sly is survived by his widow, Mrs. Etta Sly, who resides at 3229 Broderick street, San Francisco.

Arkansas Provides Ballots for Her Absentee Voters

Ninth Corps Area military personnel who are residents of the State of Arkansas and wish to participate in the primary elections being held in that state on Tuesday, July 28th and Tuesday, August 11th should write to their respective County Clerks and request absentee ballots. All such ballots should be returned to the County Clerks on or before July 28th and August 11th to be valid in the elections.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. DONALD L. SCHWAB

A farming community of 1,000 population in the southwest part of Minnesota is Pvt. Donald L. Schwab's home town. It is called Fulda and is where he has spent his life since his birth March 28, 1918. He attended high school in Fulda and then decided that college was for the other members of his high school graduating class perhaps, but his place was in the retail lumber business with his father who owns the only lumber concern in that community.

Pvt. Schwab is a great lover of the out-door life and he has been spending his summer vacation stalking the big game—bear and moose chiefly—in the vast northern wilds every year since he can remember. Game has always been plentiful for this hunter and he confided that it was nothing to take off into the woods for weeks at a time without seeing human beings. And Schwab looks as though he would be quite capable of taking care of himself in any wilderness. He is big and red-headed —every inch man.

On January 19, 1942, Schwab's number was up and he reported to the authorities at Fort Snelling, Minnesota for induction. His work as bookkeeper in his father's lumber business has slated him for clerical work in every phase of Army life with which he has come in contact. His first 10 days at Fort Snelling were spent in the personnel office at that post. When he was transferred to Camp Grant, Illinois he was assigned to the personnel and company clerk work at that post. And with the exception of the month spent in the hospital as a patient he did that type work until his transfer to Letterman Hospital in June. And at the present time he has been assigned to the Sick and Wounded office for duty.

Serve in Silence

NEW NURSES ARRIVE FROM EAST

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plant she did private duty nursing in Charleston until Februry, 1942, when she went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Valerie Czanderna was born in La Porte, Indiana, attended high school in that town, and went to the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois for her training. Upon graduating in 1939 she stayed at this hospital to do private duty and operating room nursing until 1941 when she went to Fort Custer, Michigan.

Miss Jeanne Morrison was born in Alpena, Michigan, attended the Alpena High School and trained at the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit, Michigan, graduating in 1935. Her work since that time has included public health work in Detroit, operating room supervision for three years at the Women's Hospital at Flint, Michigan. On joining the Army Nurse Corps she was stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan.

Miss Leone Kolson was born in Marquette, Michigan, went to the Gladstone High School and trained at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. Since graduating in 1939 she has done two years private duty at Michael Reese and one year at Fort Custer, where she was stationed in July, 1941.

Miss Edith Wener was born in Chicago, Illinois, attended Harrison High School, and took her training at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago. Since graduation in 1937 she has done general duty nursing at the Mt. Sinai Hospital, joining the Army Nurse Corps in February, 1941, and going to Fort Custer.

Miss Fern M. Childers was born in Richardson, Kentucky, went to the Ansted High School in West Virginia, and took her professional training at the Charleston General Hospital. Upon graduating in 1941 she joined the Army Nurse Corps and went to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Miss Loretta Kading was born in Chicago, Illinois, attended the Steinmetz High School and trained at the Franklin Boulevard Hospital in Chicago, graduating in 1939. She has done private duty nursing and general duty at the Eleanor Research and Municipal Contagious Hospitals in Chicago. She was stationed at Fort Custer when she joined the Army Nurse Corps in February of 1941.

Miss Lucy Bessolo was born in Negaunee, Michigan, and attended the local high school there. She trained at St. Anne's Hospital in Chicago, and upon graduating in 1938 did private duty at the Twin City Hospital at Negaunee and general duty at Ishpeming, Michigan.

Miss Bertha Robertson was born in Painsdale, Michigan, attended the Rapid River High School at Kalamazoo, and took her training at the Bronson Methodist Hospital, graduating in 1931 .She has done general duty at the Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and private duty in Detroit, until March, 1942, when she joined the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Custer, Michigan.

Miss Goldie Cooper was born in Chicago, Illinois, attended John Marshall High School, took her professional training at the Garfield Park Community Hospital, and graduated in 1938. She has done general and private duty nursing, and for the past sixteen months has been stationed at Fort Custer.

Miss Anna Colley was born in Berkeley, California, attended San Bernardino High Shcool, and took her professional training at the San Diego County Hospital. Upon graduating in 1933, she began her nursing career doing general duty at the San Bernardino County Hospital, becoming Assistant Director before she left to join the Reserve.

Miss Janet Richards was born in Akron, Ohio, attended the Springfield Township High School in Summit County, Ohio, and took her professional training at the City hospital in Akron, Ohio, graduating in 1937. Since that time she has done operating room work at the Akron City Hospital and general duty at the Lawrence Hospital at Bronxville, New York. She went to Fort Knox in March, 1942.

SEALS STADIUM

Walter "The Great" Mails, former big league mound star and now the representative of Mr. Charles H. Graham, President of the San Francisco Baseball Club, extends in the name of the club the courtesy of the Seals Stadium for any night game or Saturday afternoon game. Free admission will be allowed to any group of 25 or more in uniform and the invitation covers officers, nurses, enlisted men of the detachments and patients.

ON THE SPOT



NOEL DURBIN

Corporal, Air Force

Corporal Noel Durbin has won wide recognition for himself since coming back to the mainland from Honolulu in March of this year—first by being presented with the Order of the Purple Heart by General Wallace DeWitt, and secondly, when he was privileged to be a guest of honor on "MacArthur Day," and army demonstration at Kezar Stadium, at which his picture was taken while saluting the colors and released to newspapers throughout the country. About that, Durbin says, "It's the fellows that don't want publicity that get it, and those who do look for it, lose out .I'm one who doesn't care for it, but get too much ballyhoo."

Corp. Dubin won the Purple Heart award for meritorious service under fire during the attack on Wheeler Field in Hawaii on December 7th while on duty as an armament soldier in the Air Corps.

He came to Letterman from Honolulu last March and has just returned from a thirty-day furlough with his family in Decatur, Illinois.

Corp. Durbin is a native of Palmer, Illinois, and received his schooling there and in Detroit, graduating from high school in 1931. After graduation, he became a chef and worked at that occupation until he enlisted in the Air Corps in October, 1940. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks for basic training, after which Wheeler Field became his post until last December. His hobbies are swimming and boxing, and while in high school starred at football and basketball.

The young non-com returned to have his "new arm" fitted by the Orthopedic Shop, and as he puts it, "It's a pip—makes me as good as new!"

Serve in Silence

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

S/Sgt. Herman Knoller, of the schools supply, has finally left the batchelor ranks of the detachment last week Sgt. Knoller, and the very lovely girl of his heart, week-ended to Reno, Nevada, by plane, and joined hands in wedlock, the trip was slightly marred by Mrs. Knoller, having a slight case of air-sickness, but all turned out well, the bride is the former Miss Pauline McMullen, of Nebraska.

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Lt. Nelson of the X-Ray school, who last week was reported sick in the hospital, is back on the job again feeling fit as a fiddle, and naturally we are all happy to see him well again.

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At the present time we have about twenty students on detached service, also on D. S. are Sgt. Benjamen Shedoudy, of H. Q. and Corporal John Carroll of the Charge of Quarters office.

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Once again another mascot has been added to the detachment, in the form of a little hound dog, a present from 1st Sgt. William Sink, her name is not definitely decided upon as yet, but she answers well to the name of Suzy, and in the few days that she has been here she has won a place in everyones heart.

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Last Sunday, Sgt. Delmar Carlson, was a guest of Pvt. and Mrs. William Shea, newlyweds of about a week, Mrs Shea, cooked such a delicious dinner that Sgt Carlson, is now trying to work an angle for another invitation

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S/Sgt. Joseph Hodge, has received word that he will be leaving in the very near future for Officers Training School, this will be a gain to the Officers ranks, but a sad loss to schools, but such is success.

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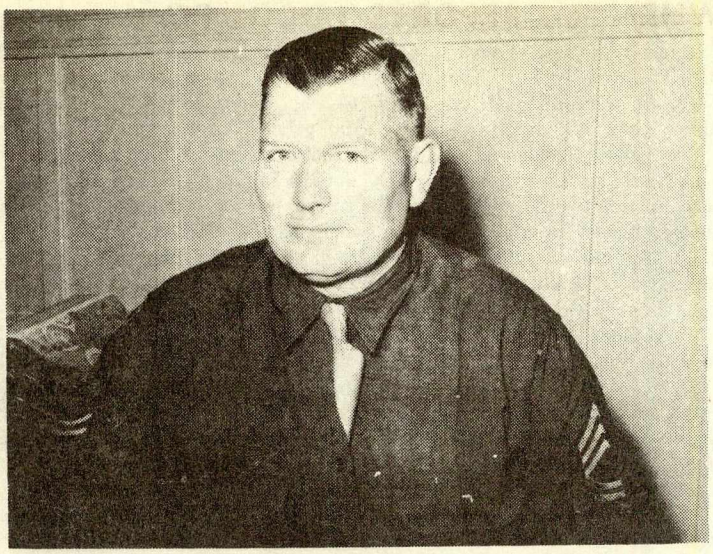
IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Jennings Lyon, working late into the night, making artifical bones, for demonstrational purposes in his classes.

Sgt. Donald Stone, gazing with dreamy eyes at the pictures of his new love, we don't blame you Sgt. "Kay" is a mighty pretty girl.

Serve in Silence

THEY COME BIG FROM MISSOURI IF SGT. FERGUSON IS A FAIR SAMPLE



HORACE C. FERGUSON
Technical Sergeant, Medical Department.

He's from Missouri!—Neosho, Missouri, to be exact—and though Horace C. Ferguson, Technical Sergeant in charge of the Detachment Supply left home nearly 30 years ago, typical Missouri skepticism is still very much a part of him. Probably this "you've got to show me" characteristic of Sgt. Ferguson accounts for the easy manner in which the Detachment Supply functions under his direction; because he knows what is doing every minute of the time, and when he doesn't, he soon finds out.

He was born November 6, 1899, in Neosho and lived his entire first 19 years in that farming center. He states that he has always wanted to go back again, but since enlisting in the Army at Wichita, Kansas, in 1919 he has never quite been able to make it back "home."

At the termination of the last World Dar, Sgt. Ferguson began his Army career when he enlisted for duty over-seas. He reached France June 1, 1919, and remained there until September, 1919, when he was transferred to Germany as a part of the Army of Occupation. And there he remained as a member of the Guard Unit until December, 1921, when he was sent to Camp Lee, Maryland, for discharge.

After his discharge at Camp Lee, Ferguson again donned civies and decided to settle down. He did!—traveling all over the southwest while working in the oil fields. His employment in the oil fields took him chiefly as a drill dresser or member of a casing crew and lasted until 1926. At this time a desire for more foreign duty became strong and Sgt. Ferguson responded by enlisting for duty with the 15th Infantry at Fort McArthur and was sent to China. He remained in China until 1929 and then re-enlisted in the Medics this time and was assigned to Letterman Hospital for duty on July 19, 1929. He has remained here since that time.

Sgt. Ferguson is the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Detachment Supply. The work of outfitting detachment members; making sure that laundry needs are filled; seeing that shoes are repaired or replaced; checking obsolete or out moded clothing;—these and many more tasks must be expedited smoothly to fulfill the demands of the personnel and fall to a great extent on the shoulders of Technical Sergeant Horace C. Ferguson. And those shoulders are broad—they would have to be to match his six feet two inches of height and his two hundred and sixty pounds of weight.

One steel plant has devised a reflecting system that results in better light and better sight for employees. Reflectors, not unlike those used in the movie studios, are arranged to pick up the light rays from windows and lamps, and direct them on machines and other points where light is most needed.

Serve in Silence

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations for the week go to the following men: Joseph Jones, appointed Technical Sergeant; William H. Day, appointed Staff Sergeant; Charles E. Wilcox, appointed Technician Third Grade; Gordon E. Dahlgren, appointed Sergeant; Norbert E. Cord, appointed Technician Fourth Grade; and Edward Blythin, David B. Goodman, Alexander Kuzmoski, John E. Mattison, Donald L. Pile and Dan Sackask, appointed Privates First Class.

Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West has been selected by the Bay Area Defenses to choose and manage a softball team from the players of the Bay Area to meet a Navy All-Star group. July 22nd is the date for the game; the Seal Stadium is the place. seven o'clock is the time for the first game between Cypress Lawn and Safeway Stores, followed by a game by the Hollister Cowboys and San Francisco All-Stars and climaxed by the Army, Navy game. The price will be 10 cents for men in uniform and tickets can be obtained from Sgt. West. How about a turn out!

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl./T. Lorenzo Hawkins' hands during a recent inspection. Just a wee bit dirty, Ren.

Sgt. Ralph D. Hightower's dash to the rail road station to meet the young lady from home. There will be wedding bells for them, and soon.

Cpl. Moon J. Lee taking care of himself very nicely with a bit of jiu-jit-su (American style) when some of the larger fellows start scuffling too energetically to suit Moon.

Cpl. Edward J. Hall of the M.P.'s out on the ramp but as a patient, and with his jacket unfastened.

T/Sgt. Dave L. Gimble and Sgt. Gordon E. Dahlgren back visiting the hospital.

Pvt. William S. Belikoff out raising the Red Cross flag one morning at the crack of dawn—and out of uniform—in fact with very little on.

--See Chaplain Shuder For Bonds

GOSSIP TOWN

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town
On the shore of Falsehood Bay
Where Old Dame Rumor, with rustling gown,
Is going the live long day?

It isn't far to Gossip Town,
For people who want to go;
The Idleness train will take you down
In just an hour or so.

The Thoughtless Road is a popular route,
And most folks start that way:
But it's steep down-grade; if you don't look out,
You'll land in Falsehood Bay.

You glide through the Valley of Vicious Folk,
And into the Tunnel of Hate;
Then crossing Add-To bridge, you walk
Right into the city gate.

The principal street is called They-Say,
And I've Heard is the public well;
And the breezes that blow from Falsehood Bay
Are laden with Don't You Tell.

In the midst of the town is Tell-Tale Park
You are never quite safe in there,
For its owner is Madame Suspicious Remark
Who lives on the street Don't Care.

Just back of the park is Slander's Row
'Twas there that Good Name died
Pierced by a dart from Jealousy's Bow
In the hands of Envious Pride.

From Gossip Town has Peace long fled
But thouble, and grief and woe
And sorrow and care you'll meet instead
If ever YOU chance to go.

AT POST THEATER

JULY 18th and 19th:

DANGEROUSLY THEY LIVE—John Garfield and Nancy Coleman. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 21st and 22nd:

MOKEY—Dan Dailey, Jr., and Donna Reed. Also Short Subjects.

JULY 23rd and 24th:

PACIFIC RENDEVOUS — Lee Bowman and Jean Rogers. Also Short Subjects.

WHAT JANE DUNN DOES IS WELL DONE WHEN SHE REPORTS 'I DOOD IT'



HELEN JANE DUNN
Medical Social Service Worker on the Red Cross staff at Letterman.

Helen Jane Dunn, that pretty blonde with the nice smile (and vice versa) looked up in surprise at our inference that for a southern gal her accent was not indicative of the locality. "Oh, I don't mean the 'deep South,' I meant Southern California —I was born in Monrovia, California, and went to grammar and high school there too." She stopped short, and we gently prodded her with another question. "Then I went to Stanford and got my A. B. in 1941, and after that went to Cal for post graduate work . . . . " That stopped us. Imagine a girl hopping from Stanford to California, just like that. But we relaxed when she explained it wasn't disloyalty to her alma mater, but that the University of California offered courses in Social Welfare work that fitted in with her plans for the work she wished to do in the future.

The future is now the present, and as a full-fledged medical social worker, Miss Dunn visits the patients on the wards, and does a great deal toward making their enforced stay in the hospital more comfortable. On being asked what, specifically, her job was, she answered: "I go visiting through the wards, and when I run across a patient who is worried about something, I try to help solve the problem. We make loans, locate baggage—that takes a lot of time and patience—locate lost mail, locate relatives—there are innumerable things that we can do to make a man's mind rest more easily while he is sick." While she paused for breath, one of the workers chimed in with "Yes, and she's awfully popular on the wards, too!" We murmured out loud that we thought that was quite possible, but Miss Dunn blushed and remonstrated very loudly.

"Now that we're getting personal, how about telling us just what kind of a social life a social worker enjoys." We sat with pencil poised, ready for anything. "How about hobbies, what sort of sports do you enjoy, what kind of food, what kind of men . . . " Another blush, but she bravely said "Nice homely ones, sort of on the tallish side, and I like roast beef and browned potatoes, and hate rutabaga turnips." We agreed with her on that, "And I like to read and dance, but it seems that most of my leisure hours are spent in the great out-a-doors, because I like tennis and swimming best."

We slipped in a quickie question, but she came back fast with "Yes, I have been arrested. But I don't think it was at all fair. I was on my way to church when the cop stopped us. What made me a little disgusted was that it was the only ticket I've not been able to "talk" out of existence. And on the way to church, too!"

We tsk-tsked sympathically and changed the subject, asking her what else she did on Sundays. "My favorite trip is out to Fleishhacker Zoo, and I love it." On being asked why, she disclosed the fact that she has a brother in the vicinity.

We crept out silently.

Q. M. NEWS

The QM barbershop sextet was in full swing about 8:00 p. m., Monday night, with PFC Swaner accompanying on the "geetar" and Pvt. Bissonnette on the mouth harp, when in walks the MP on that post looking very upset. His explanation that he thought someone was being beat up didn't go over so well with the song birds. However, it must be said that the known ability of the American soldier to sing under trying conditions might account for the fact that the song fest remained in session until tattoo.

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Pvt. Richard Pearson appeared before the Officers' Candidate Board this week. Hope you made the grade, Dick.

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M/Sgt. Rowell, Retired and M/Sgt. Middleton were hosts to a couple of beginners on a fishing trip in the bay area last Sunday. The only thing that needs explaining is HOW and WHY the beginners were permitted to run off with the prize money for both the "first' fish caught and the "largest?" How about it, Master Sergeants?

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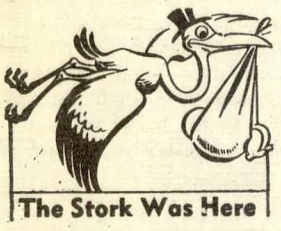
"Hitting the Rails This Week:" Captain Lewis S. Parody, Q.M.C. Commanding Detachment, to El Paso, Texas, and Staff Sgt. Charles Mehr, to his home in East Logan, Utah. Happy landings, men!

Be Patient! Your Bonds Are On The Way To You

The War Department announces that under the Pay Reservation Plan for the purchase of War Savings Bonds no inquiry concerning non-receipt of bonds or refunds should be made prior to 90 days from the date the last deduction was made.

A 90 day time lag is essential for the bond transaction to be completed. The time involved in the receipt and posting of accounts, the receipt by the Treasury Department of proper abstract and check for bonds fully paid for, the registration and mailing of bonds by the Treasury Department and finally the actual receipt of bonds (or the receipt therefor) by the properly designated individuals are necessarily time consuming procedures. Subscribers should also bear in mind that after they have received their first bond, subsequent bonds will be mailed them at intervals shorter than 90 days since the time required to set up accounts of subscribers need not be considered in such cases.

All bond will be dated the first of the month in which final payment therefor has been made. Consequently subscribers will lose no interest because of non-receipt of bonds for 90 days.



The Stork Was Here

To S/Sgt Wm. and Mrs. William Fletcher, Foreign Service, a son, Richard LeRoy Fletcher, born July 9, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

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To Captain and Mrs. W. J. Hannon, SC, a son, William Jay Hannon, Jr., born July 10, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

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To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. E. Lindros, Hq., WDC, 4th Army, a son, Edwin Leo Lindros, born July 11, weight six pounds, fourteen ounces.

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To Captain and Mrs. Peter A. Helfert, 98th FA, Foreign Service, a son, Michael Peter Helfert, born July 14, weight eight pounds.

Serve in Silence

What Should You Save To Help?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The following table issued by the Treasury Department is intended as a savings yardstick for the average income-earner. It suggests how everyone of the 48,000,000 employed persons in the United States may participate in the war effort through the systematic purchase of Defense Savings Bonds.



"The job ahead of us is far bigger than most of us realize," Secretary Morgenthau declared in making the table public. "I know that the American people are ready to do their part to win the war. One of the ways we can do much more is by intensifying our effort in the purchase of Defense Bonds."

While persons without dependents may be able to set aside more than the suggested figures, persons with several dependents, or with other heavy family obligations, may be unable to save at the suggested rate, the Treasury Department pointed out.

If Weekly Earnings Are:	And One Saves Each Week:	In One Year He Will Save:	Number of Persons in Each Income Group:	Total Annual Savings:
$5 to $10	$0.25	$13.00	3,324,000	$43,212,000
$10 to $15	.50	26.00	4,975,000	129,350,000
$15 to $20	.75	39.00	5,470,000	213,330,000
$20 to $30	1.25	65.00	10,747,000	698,555,000
$30 to $40	2.00	104.00	7,774,000	808,496,000
$40 to $50	4.00	208.00	5,794,000	1,205,152,000
$50 to $60	6.00	312.00	3,007,000	938,184,000
$60 to $70	8.00	416.00	2,231,000	928,096,000
$70 to $80	10.00	520.00	1,304,000	678,080,000
$80 to $100	12.00	624.00	1,489,000	929,136,000
$100 to $150	20.00	1,040.00	1,059,000	1,101,360,000
$150 to $200	35.00	1,820.00	298,000	542,360,000
Over $200	-----	-------	695,000	2,000,000,000
			48,167,000	$10,215,311,000

SURGEON GEN.'S REPORT

(Continued from page one)

ficer of the Medical Corps specially trained in this field has been assigned as assistant to the Surgeon of each Corps Area, each large camp and to the headquarters of other major units of the Army. This officer is responsible to the Surgeon for the effective operation of all measures directed toward the control of venereal disease.

In recent weeks there have been numbers of admissions to hospitals on account of jaundice which has the characteristics of catarrhal jaundice (epidemic hepatitis). Some units have been more involved than others, but the total numbers admitted in the entire Army have not been enough to appreciably increase the admission rate for all diseases. This is definitely not yellow fever and it is not dangerous to the general public. The disease is being given considerable study by some of the outstanding medical scientists of the United States.

Death rates for all causes remain very low. Health conditions in the Army outside the United States continues favorable.

Serve in Silence

THE ARMED FORCES

The Army Specialist Corps, with 190,000 applications for membership, will enlist more than 11,000 men during the rest of this year, the War Department said. WAAC Director Hobby reported two of the first eight WAAC companies will consist of Negro women, commanded by Negro women, who will attend the first WAAC Officer Candidate School. President Roosevelt signed a Bill authorizing $8,500 million in new Naval Warship construction with emphasis on aircraft carriers. The Marine Corps said it is now promoting competent non-commissioned officers in the field to meet needs for additional officers.

SABOTAGE

Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, head of the Military Commission convened by President Roosevelt to try the eight German saboteurs landed in the U. S. by submarine, said the great volume of evidence to be introduced is expected to prolong the trial. The Commission granted permission to the Army Signal Corps to make photographs and silent pictures of the trial scene in the Justice Department Building in Washington.

Keglers Maintain Average of One Win in Three

The Letterman keglers dropped another two out of three series game during the week when they met the American Sedan Service team on the Downtown Bowling Alleys during the past week. A seven point handicap was spotted the American Sedan by the hospital five though the 153 pin better score for American Sedan for the two games was ample evidence that it was not needed to win. Letterman took the third game with a 970 to 953 score for the highest single game for the series.

G. Valentino, American Sedan anchor man, bowled a 646 triple for high individual scoring honors, and Sgt. Paul Mottier was top man for the Medics with a 613 triple for the game. The big improvement in the hospital line-up this week was Cpl. Frank Marano's 586 against 469 of a week ago.

The score:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL				
Mottier	209	203	201	613
Wilcox	166	138	210	514
Marano	213	192	181	586
Yohe	127	192	180	464
Kuntz	171	182	198	551
Total	886	872	970	2728
AMERICAN SEDAN SERVICE				
Muller	167	203	181	551
George	210	162	159	531
Fassler	198	152	163	513
Dunn	204	203	217	624
Valentino	109	222	234	646
Total	969	942	953	2864

OUR EXCHANGES

Comes to our desk this week for the first time a pretentious post paper bearing the title—"Union Vedette"—and published for the personnel of Fort Douglas. It is printed on slick paper and is lavish in the photographs appearing in the current issue.

What hit us where we have a weakness was a photo of Colonel Raymond S. Pratt, formerly a neighbor of ours when he was the Chief of Staff, Ninth Corps Area, and later Commanding Officer at Fort Mason. Colonel Pratt is an officer whom everybody loves and fortunate are those privileged to serve under his command.

For "Auld Lang Syne" we wish the commanding officer well and for the paper published for his command a long life of useful service for the personnel of the post.

THE FOG HORN

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Col. and Mrs. Weed Are Honored at Club Reception

The Letterman Club was the scene of a very delightful reception and dance on Saturday evening last, which was the occasion for the first formal meeting of Colonel and Mrs. Frank W. Weed with the officers and ladies of the staff of Letterman General Hospital.

Colonel and Mrs. Weed received the guests on their arrival, with Lieut. Colonel George C. Shivers, chairman of the Board of Governors of the club, presenting the guests to the honorees.

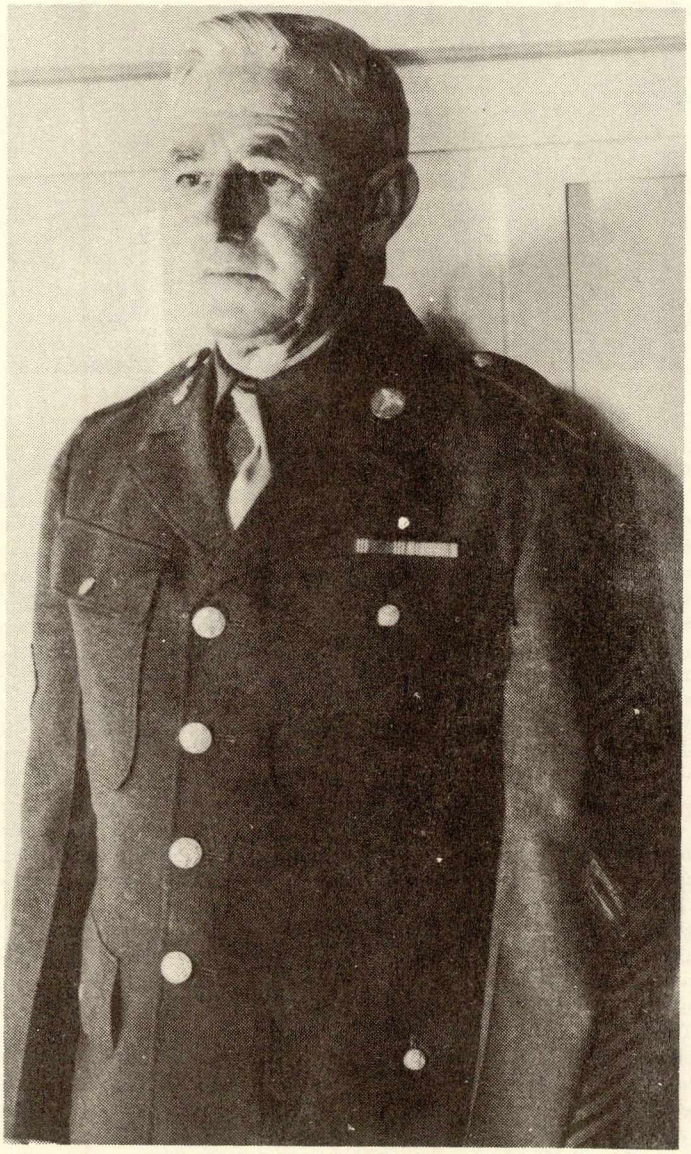
A buffet supper was served, and dancing followed for the evening.

Among the distinguished guests presented were Lieutenant General and Mrs. John L. DeWitt, Major General and Mrs. Walter K. Wilson, Colonel and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt, Colonel and Mrs. Leon Garcia, Colonel and Mrs. Frank R. Ross, Colonel and Mrs. Carroll R. Buck, Colonel and Mrs. Euclid B. Frank, Colonel and Mrs. Charles F. Moss, Colonel and Mrs. Frank P. Stone, Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd L. Smith, Colonel and Mrs. John A. McKinnon, Major and Mrs. John D. Foley, Doctor and Mrs. William Otis Calloway, and others.

The flower committee, headed by Mrs. Charles K. Berle, with Mrs. Emmett B. Litteral, Mrs. Oril S. Harbaugh, and Mrs. William Calloway assisting, were to be congratulated on the tasteful floral decorations which ornamented the club.

The music for the dance was furnished by the 14-piece orchestra from the 53rd Infantry band under the direction of Master Sergeant Herbert Bass.

Serve in Silence



FRANK S. O'BRIEN
Master Sergeant, Medical Department
Another "Old Timer" of the Detachment who has just made the top flight grade of the non-commissioned staff.

TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE NUMBER 44,143 MEN

Americans today weighed the somber significance of a terse official announcement that disclosed the cost in lives of seven months of war—44,143 men killed, wounded, or lost in battle.

Of the total, 4801 were killed, 3218 wounded, and 36,124 are listed as "missing" probably prisoners of war.

The announcement—first official count of casualties sustained by all the armed forces—was made by Elmer Davis' newly created Office of War Information. It covered losses "from the outbreak of hostilities to date," including Pearl Harbor.

The total, which does not include the 1042 known prisoners of war, was broken down as follows:

ARMY—902 killed, 1413 wounded, 17,452 missing.

NAVY—3420 killed, 1051 wounded, 7672 missing.

OWI said the report does not include casualties sustained by the Philippines Commonwealth Army, "which thus far are not accurately known," although that force was one of the largest lost in the Philippines.

In addition to the casualty report, OWI disclosed that to date names of 1042 American prisoners of war have been reported to Washington by the International Red Cross. Only 20 of them were Army personnel.

It said the Army had reported 475 of its 1413 wounded "fully recovered and returned to duty."

During the 17 months of American participation in Worldl War 1, casualties numbered 126,000 killed, and dead of disease, 234,000 wounded and 4500 missing out of a total mobilized force of 4,355,000 men.

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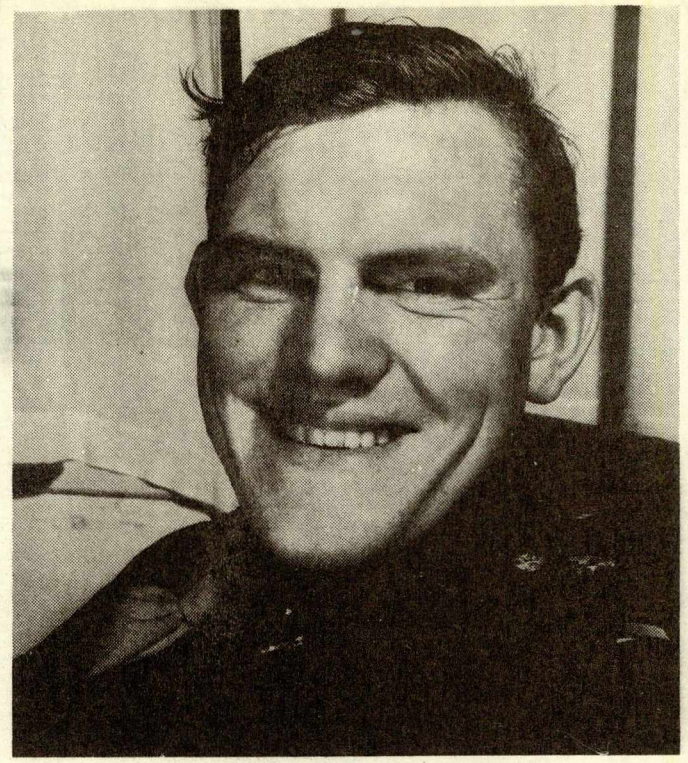
LIEUT. MOORE BLASTED BY BOMBS AND HERE TO TELL IT

"Yes, I've been grounded all right, but I'll be 'upstairs' again someday, and I've lost a limb, but neither will that keep me from getting around and enjoying the sports I like and doing the things I like to do—and being of some service to the Army if I can." Those are the words that come from Lieut. Joseph T. Moore, Army Air Force, victim of the Japanese raid on Hickam Field on December 7, and subject of a citation for award of the Purple Heart, coveted medal instituted by General Washington in 1782 as a reward for meritorious service.

Lieut. Moore is a familiar figure to the men and nurses of the hospital, for he has been a patient at Letterman since last February, when he was transferred from Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. He came in on a wheel chair with a smile on his face and walked out last week under his own power and with the same friendly smile for everyone, wearing the uniform of a second lieutenant of the Air Force of which he is so proud.

"At the time of attack on December 7, I was shaving in my quarters at Hickam Field preparing to attend church," he narrated to us yesterday when we found him in the Post Exchange browsing over an "Aircraft" magazine and drinking a coke, "when I heard a flock of planes I thought them to be our own patrol, but then the noise at Pearl Harbor caused me to look out the window and I saw planes dropping bombs and smoke belching from the harbor . . . I was so shocked it took me five minutes to recover and realize that the enemy had come. I ran to my room, donned by duty uniform and rushed to the hangars where our group was ordered to assemble. Running outside a little while later, an enemy plane dove down over our heads and I could see the red circle —I didn't realize till then that it was the Japs, and was I sore!" The recollection of that hour brought a hardness into his blue eyes and a flush to his boyish face. "Then I saw them drop bombs on the barracks. I get the same feeling I had then every time I think about it, but it just can't be described—I wasn't afraid at all—just boiling mad to think we couldn't fight back," he said with strong emotion.

"Then more planes came and we had to take our chances on getting out of the hangar, for it was evidently going to catch a bomb or two



Lieut. JOSEPH T. MOORE
Army Air Force

—the air was full of Jap planes." And then he told how he ran around the side of the hangar to find a safer spot and dove for an inverted corner of the building where he was shielded by walls on two sides. "A couple of planes were heading for my direction, and I saw a soldier running full speed up the street with his rifle at port arms. I yelled to him, "best of luck to ya, soldier!" and he turned to grin at me and wave—bombs were falling all around, and the next thing I knew, an explosion occurred nearby, and simultaneously, I was lifted about six or eight feet into the air and let down again—it was a funny feeling—as though I had been gently and easily lifted up by a strong person, and then let down the same way."

The next instant, when he recovered lying on the ground, the young flyer checked to see if he was all in one piece. "My arms were okeh, and I tried to look for some broken bones. I looked at my right leg which was okeh, and then I saw my left side, and there was nothing there from the hip down—I was sure I'd die, for it was bleeding profusely. I'd always wondered what it would be like to die, and I found out—wasn't afraid at all—I just knew I was going to die, and began praying for my mother and father and my wife. After a while I passed out."

Then he told how, sometime later, a group of soldiers came along in a truck, stopped and began picking up the wounded. "I heard them say, 'let's pick him up, he's badly off'," he recalled. "They put me into the truck where I lay under the wooden bench along the side, and as we drove along, it seemed like a bomb would explode behind the truck after every section of the road we passed." Then the lieutenant heard the driver swear as he stopped the truck—the road ahead had been bombed and was impassible, so they turned around and drove across the baseball diamond to the field hospital, which was full, and so the truck kept going across town to Tripler Hospital. "It was a wild ride, though I was half unconscious most of the time. After getting into the hospital, I went to sleep—that was Sunday—and I didn't wake up until the following Thursday. Some sleep, wasn't it?" he grinned.

Fate played an ironic trick on Lieut. Moore. The day before the raid he had tried to arrange passage on the Clipper from San Francisco to Honolulu for his pretty wife whom he had married just one month before while he was on the mainland. The ticket office was closed and he decided to wait until Monday—"but I was a little late, wasn't I?" he smiled ruefully.

Lieut. Moore is a native of Clinton, Indiana, and attended Rose Polytechnical College and Indiana State Teachers College prior to his enlistment as an aviation cadet in March, 1941. While at Indiana State, the young pilot was the instigator and first student of Civilian Pilot Training, a branch of C.A.A. "As a kid I always wanted to fly, and was crazy about planes," he said. I got my chance at college and accumulated 150 hours before getting into the Army." He received his training in three different Army Air Schools. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on November 1, 1941, and married the next day. Mrs. Hope Rosalie R. Moore was the "girl back home" during the flight training. She, too, is a familiar person to the hospital personnel, for she often accompanies him when he comes in for treatment, and was a daily visitor during his days of hospitalization. He was ordered to duty at Hickam Field on November 19, and was on duty there as a flying officer on B-18's until December 7.

"A game leg isn't going to ground me," he stated determinedly, "nor is it going to keep me inactive." The lieutenant expects to study sciences and radio and make a career of that work after finishing another year of college to get his degree—"But only after the war is over" he said, "I'm hoping they will find something useful for me to do in the Army—I'd feel much better as a member of the service."

Since he has been released for treatment as an outpatient, the cheerful officer has found that he isn't any less active than he ever was. He still takes a daily hike with the help of a cane, can play table tennis, and looks forward to swimming a great deal. Last week he drove to Mills Field and climbed around an Army B-28—"And it certainly felt fine to get into a ship again. It won't be long before I have my own plane, either," he promises. And the determined look in his eyes tells you he means it.

Book Donations to Soldier Libraries Are Very Welcome

Persons desiring to donate books for soldiers' reading need only wrap them, affix three cents postage for each pound, and address them to the nearest Army Book Receiving Center. The office of the Corps Area Librarian, Mr. Xenophon P. Smith, at Fort Douglas, Utah, is prepared to receive, process, and distribute all worthwhile volumes in serviceable condition that are donated. After processing, these books are packed neatly, 50 to a box, and sorted by subjects so that one-third are nonfiction. These are then ready for shipment to a camp or post library.

Army Book Receiving Centers and their supervisors in the Ninth Corps Area are: Washington, Mrs. Hazel Duncan, 319 Western Avenue, Seattle; Oregon, Mrs. Ruth K. Stratton, Oregon State Library Building, Salem; Northern California, Mrs. Thelma G. van Gross, Presidio of San Francisco; Southern California, Mrs. Allie S. Moore, Figueroa Branch Library, 50 W 80th Street, Los Angeles; Arizona, Miss Rosetta Thurston, State Fair Grounds, Phoenix; Utah, Mrs. Betty Slaten, Fort Douglas.

Now being received, processed, and distributed are 300,000 books from the Middle West. These are estimated to total 30,000,000,000 words or 50,000 days of average reading—nearly 150 years of 24-hour days.

Roughly two-thirds of the books are fiction. Poor condition or unsuitability of their subjects require one-third to be discarded. The remainder are added to the 200,000 volumes now in possession of the Corps Area Library.

LOIS' LAMENT

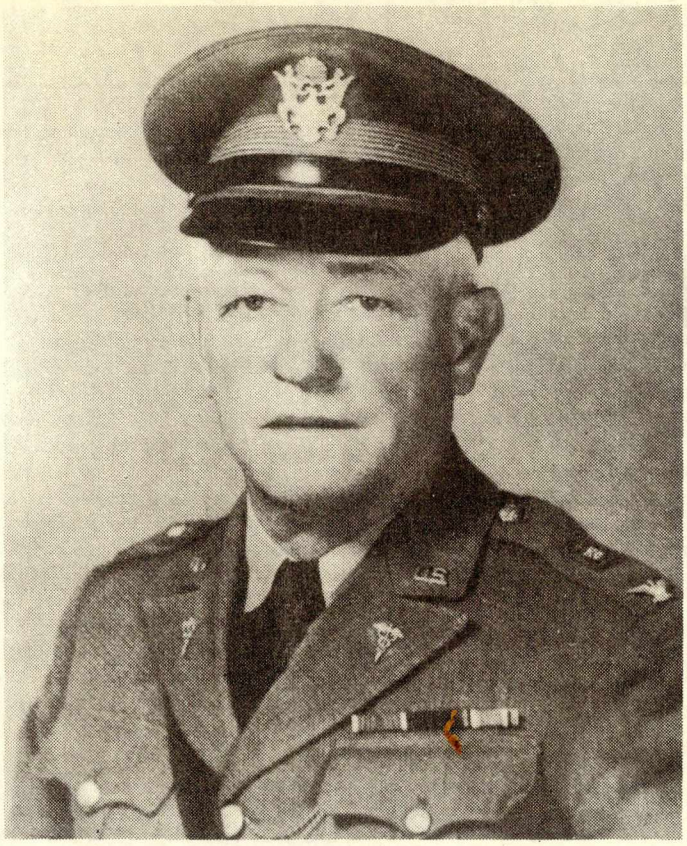
Miss Lois Williams, who happens to be the maid of all work in the editorial offices of the "FOGHORN," took a little time off last week for a huried trip to Olympia which is in Washington and not to be confused with Olympus—the dwelling place of the gods.

She sent the following on a post card to the staff:—and we quote—

I travelled north on the Beaver,
Led on by an S. P. deceiver.
He said: "You'll save fare
And to lose time is rare——"
He merits the fate of Dan Deever.

What salad do honeymooners like?
Lettuce alone.

NEW ARMY GEN. HOSPITAL WILL BEAR NAME OF FORMER LETTERMAN EXEC.



The Late COLONEL DANIEL W. HARMON
In whose memory the New Harmon General Hospital at Longview, Texas, has been named.

The recent announcement from the office of the Adjutant General designating the new general hospitals with the names of distinguished officers of Medical Corps is of special interest to the personnel of Letterman Hospital for the reason that a former executive officer of this command was included in the list of those honored.

The new army general hospital located at Longview, Texas, is to bear the name "Harmon General Hospital" as a tribute to the memory of the late Colonel Daniel Warwick Harmon who served as Executive Officer here at Letterman for a four year period between 1928 and 1932 under the command of General De Witt and General Shockley.

Colonel Harmon was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and became a Virginian early in life. He made his medical studies at the University of Virginia where he was awarded the degree in Medicine with the Class of 1903. He was a contract surgeon in the army for two years before being commissioned in the Medical Reserve Corps in 1908. The following year he was appointed to the Regular Army and remained in service until his death.

After leaving Letterman Col. Harmon was on duty as assistant to the Corps Area Surgeon at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and later assigned to the command of the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas where he died suddenly on November 8, 1940.

Colonel Harmon was awarded the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for "Meritorious Services" rendered while on duty in the office of the Chief Surgeon of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I.

Profits of American corporations during the first quarter of 1942, after reported tax deductions, were about 8 per cent less than in the last quarter of 1941 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Last of the Japs Ordered from All California Areas

Final orders for the evacuation of all Japanese from California areas were posted by the Army this week and require that the exclusion be completed by August 11, Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, announces.

Under three new Civilian Exclusion Orders an estimated total of 6,150 Japanese will be evacuated from designated portions of Fresno and Tulare counties, the only sections of California not previously affected by the Army's program of clearing strategic Pacific Coast areas of Japanese, it was announced by Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, and chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, in charge of the evacuation program.

All of the affected territory is located within Military No. 2, in which the inland or Eastern sections of California are located. Approximately 3,000 Japanese already have been evacuated from other California portions of Military Area No. 2. The new orders will bring the total from the inland areas under Army control to more than 9,100.

Evacuation of approximately 100,000 Japanese from Military Area No. 1, comprising the Western portions of California, Oregon and Washington, and Southern Arizona, was completed June 7 under General DeWitt's orders. Previously, on June 2, by Public Proclamation No. 6, General DeWitt ordered all Japanese residing in California portions of Military No. 2 "frozen," forbidding them to leave their districts and imposing an 8 p. m. to 6 a. m. curfew, pending issuance of evacuation orders, which have now been completed.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

JULY 25th and 26th:
JUKE GIRL—Ann Sheridan and Ronald Regan. Also Short Subjects.
JULY 28th and 29th.
IN THIS OUR LIFE—Bette Davis, Olivia De Haviland and George Brent. Also Short Subjects.
JULY 30th and 31st:
SWEETHEART OF THE FLEET—Joan Davis—Jinx Falkenburg. Also Short Subjects.

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EDITORIAL

CASUALTIES

The Office of War Information released the first total of the casualties suffered by American forces during this war. The casualties were some 44,000 in number, and of these, approximately 10 per cent were recorded as deaths. The families of those 4,000 men know now what war is.

Every day that the war is prolonged will add other names to that long list of dead. The war will be shortened by munitions and men when supremacy in both is on our side.

This is our goal, and yet we read of well paid defense workers going on strike, not for higher wages, not for better working conditions, but for the privilege of quitting work to be paid while smoking.

We wonder if the men on Bataan or Corregidor broke ranks in the face of the enemy to take time out for a smoke. The records indicate no time was taken out for food. In fact, there was no food, but they kept fighting.

The workers who hold up war supplies for trivial reasons or unnecessary jurisdictional disputes enjoy a deferred status and may not have to hold a spot on some front line where the hazards of war are increased by the lack of guns or shells or tanks, but they may find their dreams disturbed by the cries of dying men. Cries they will hear long after the booming guns, screaming shells, and rumbling tanks have become silent.

Workers, individually or collectively, who hamper the output of supplies for the fighting men, or management which puts profits before patriotism are saboteurs before the bar of public opinion.

They may never come to formal trial, but every time they see a picture of "crosses row on row" they will remember how they helped to put some of those crosses in place.

And the recollection will not be pleasant.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **James P. Crawford**, up from his little lab at Monterey, to chat with some of his old friends still on active service.

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One high ranking officer looking through the unabridged Webster dictionary for "wino" and not finding it. The San Francisco Skid Road habitue has that name for himself alone and people of his group are just "bums" elsewhere.

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Major **Harry Martin** acting as escort to Mrs. Martin, more widely known as **Louella Parsons**, and the dainty cinema star, **Merle Oberon**, on a trip to the Post Exchange.

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Major McGuinness—alone and unaided—seeking a vacant chair in the grill one noon time. It can happen here.

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Colonel **Oscar Nolan**, beaming with pride over both "his boys" who are now majors.

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Miss **Jessie Braden**, former Chief Nurse at Letterman, completing her examination for return to active duty for the duration—and going back to Washington to station.

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Gus, working on the No. 1 chair in the barber shop but still very democratic for a boss.

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An officer, working on a "chaw of terbaccer" as big as a baseball and right after breakfast, too.

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The sun dial back in place.

The automobile industry's orders on hand exceed $14,000,000,000—a production job equivalent in materials and manpower to turning out 15,000,000 cars and trucks, or the work of three peak peacetime years.



We are genuinely pleased to have Miss **Knierim** back on duty again and believe it will not be necessary to advise her to watch her step in the future.

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We welcome still another addition to our ranks and wish her a pleasant tour of duty at Letterman:

Miss **Virginia E. La Flamboy** is a native of Phoenix, Arizona, who made her high school studies at Arlington, Wash., and then took two years at the University of Washington before entering St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago for her professional training where she was graduated in 1940. After a tour of duty as charge nurse at St. Luke's she went to Bermuda to care for a patient and later took him back to Lisbon, Portugal. Her return trip was made by Clipper and now she believes there should be "Flight Nurses" in the Army as well as Flight Surgeons.

Miss La Flamboy was appointed to the ANC-Reserve in February of this year and assigned to Fort Custer, Michigan, where she served until transferred to Letterman last week.

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Recent visitors to the Nurses Quarters were Miss **Clara B. Washington**, Chief Nurse at Fort Ord, and **Miss Mary E. Haynes**, Chief Nurse at Camp Roberts. One of our scouts reported also that Miss **Betty Klein**, Chief Nurse in charge of the Hospital Train, was in the vicinity.

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Miss **Katherine Trask**, who emerged temporarily from the Fever Therapy department for a tour of duty on the wards, has returned to the seclusion in which high temperatures are common.

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Miss **Mary E. Short** is another of our former associates to commit matrimony and the wedding took place last week at the Presidio Chapel.

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Miss **Angela Costello**, clerical assistant in the office of the Chief Nurse, now has an understudy in the person of Miss **Hazel Cumre**, and Miss Costello says she learns fast.

Serve in Silence

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 26, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Miss Barbara D. Walker, Army Nurse Corps, on the death of her mother which occurred on Monday of this week.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald R. Griffith, Air Corps, a daughter, Risa Dianne, born July 16, 1942, weight six pounds, three ounces.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Gardner Hoit, Coast Artillery, a daughter, Marcia Marguerite, born July 16, 1942, weight, five pounds, fourteen ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Ramon Cayot, Coast Artillery, a daughter, Nancy Rae, Born July 16, 1942, weight eight pounds, ten ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. H. G. Meyer, Air Force, a daughter, Mary Ann, born July 19, 1942, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Preston Williams, Signal Section, a son, Stephen Brent, born July 21, 1942, weight eight pounds, fourteen ounces.

What did Paul Revere say after his famous ride?
Whoa!

For Bonds --See Chaplain Shuder

PROMOTIONS COME TO LETTERMAN OFFICERS

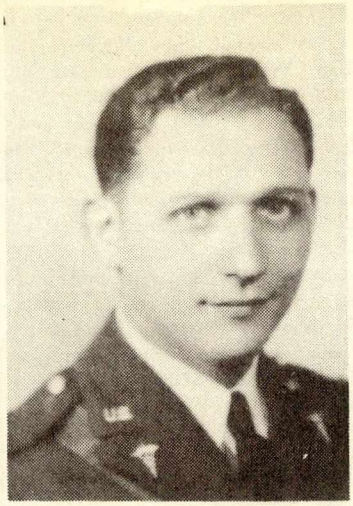


GEORGE C. SHIVERS
Lieut. Colonel, M. C.

Promotions to higher grades in the Medical Corps came to four officers on the Letterman staff in the recent past and in extending congratulations to the officers honored we add a paragraph exposing their past history.

Lt. Col. George C. Shivers, was born in Greenville, Mississippi. He was educated in Colorado, where he received his A. B. Degree from Colorado College and his M.D. from the University of Colorado, from there followed an internship at the City and County Hospital at St. Paul, Minnesota, and then a period of study at the Mayo Clinic, and from there back to the University of Colorado, as an instructor in Pathology, in which he received an M. S. degree, he then entered the practice of surgery in Colorado Springs, where he resided until called to active service in January 1941.

He was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1932, promoted to Captain in 1936, and to Major in October, 1941. His rank as Lt. Col. dates from June 23, 1942.



EUGENE S. HOPP
Major, Medical Corps

Major Eugene S. Hopp was born in New York and went to the deep south for his education. Took his degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Georgia at Athens and then to Augusta to the Medical School of the same university for his M.D.

Major Hopp served his interneship at the Cedars of Lebanon in Los Angeles. He was appointed to the Medical Corps-Reserve in 1937 in grade of first lieutenant and ordered to active duty at Vancouver Barracks in 1939. A year later he was assigned to Letterman where he has remained up to the present time. His promotion to captain occurred in July 1941 and his recent step up to major dates from July 15, 1942. All of his service at Letterman has been on the E.E.N.T. side.

In 1940 Major Hopp married Miss Isabel Marie Armstrong of Lewiston Idaho. They have no children.

Army trucks made by one manufacturer are built to negotiate a 65 percent grade. Such a grade is so steep a man on foot has to crawl up it.



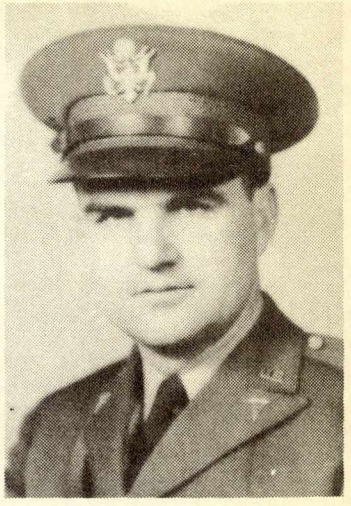
WILLIAM H. ICE
Major, Medical Corps

Major William Henry Ice was born in Oregon City and in full loyalty to his native state he made his premedical studies at the University of Oregon and then to the Medical School for his doctorate in medicine.

The major served his interneship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital and then held a residency in urology in the same nstitution.

He was appointed to the Medical Corps-Reserve in 1935 with the rank of first lieutenant and promoted to captain in 1938. On February 22, 1941 he was ordered to extended active duty at Letterman where he has since been on the Urological Section. His promotion to major dates from July 17, 1942.

In 1936 the major married Miss Marguerite Dunlop, of Los Angeles, and they have three children: William Junior, 5; Susan, 2; and Julie, 3 months.



SAMUEL G. PECK
Major, Medical Corps

Major Samuel Glen Peck was born in Los Angeles and attended the University of California at Los Angeles for three years before going back to Missouri when he finished his classical course and took a B.S. degree at St. Louis University before entering the Medical School there for his doctorate. He served his interneship at San Bernardino County General Hospital and followed this with a residency in Urology at the Los Angeles County Hospital for two years.

Major Peck was appointed to the Medical Corps-Reserve with rank of 1st Lieutenant in 1936 and ordered to extended active duty at Letterman in February 1941. He was promoted to captain in April 1941 and to major as of July 17th this year. He is a member of the Orange County Medical Society and has been Certified by the American Board of Urology in 1942.

In 1939 Major Peck was married to Miss Ruth Wiesenhorn, of Quincy, Illinois and they have two daughters—Jean 2½ years old, and Norma 13 months.

SILVER STAR GIVEN CAPT. ADAMS FOR GALLANTRY IN WAR IN JAVA

A silver star for gallantry in action has been awarded to Captain George Adams, Medical Corps, according to an announcement from the headquarters of General MacArthur in Australia.

The presentation was made by Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, commander of the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, and was a tribute to Captain Adams' heroism while under fire during the battle in Java.

Captain Adams is a graduate of the University of California Medical School and was for over a year stationed at Letterman Hospital prior to being ordered to the Far East.

AWVS ON THE JOB

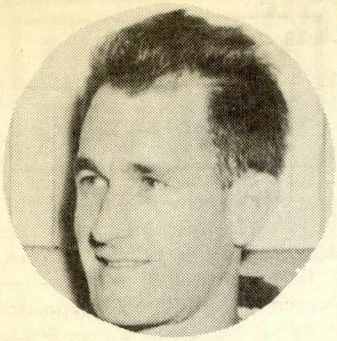
The AWVS furnished a very fair sample of the good work they are doing for the service people in their prompt compliance with a request made of them one afternoon this week.

The mother of a sick patient made a transcontinental journey to have a visit with her son. It was her first sight of San Francisco and she was acquainted with no one in the city. On arrival at the Ferry Building she checked her baggage and came right out to the hospital. After a short time with her boy she wished to retrieve her baggage and then find shelter. Doing this by street car would have been a task but the AWVS responded to a call with a car and driver, took the mother to the Ferry Building, claimed her baggage, and drove her to her hotel.

All done with the desire to be of service.

Serve in Silence

ON THE SPOT



VERNE DEBES
Tech. Sergeant, Air Corps

"If there ever were any war heroes, it's those boys on Bataan and Corrigedor," says patient Verne Debes, a Tech Sergeant in the Air Corps and a victim of the Jap raids on Nichols Field in the Philippines. "I know plenty of credit has been given them, but just the same, those boys will always stand out in my mind when I think of heroes. I've spent plenty of time in the island, and I know just what they were up against."

Debes came to the hospital last April via Australia after a last minute evacuation from Sternberg Hospital in Manila. "It was a hectic evacuation," he recalls, "they told us at the last minute to get ready to leave quickly, and then we went down to the boat on New Year's day—none too soon."

Just back from a month's sick furlough which he spent with his family in Iowa, the Sergeant is awaiting the time when he can wear an artificial arm which is being made for him by the orthopedic shop, spending his time reading, listening to the radio and being a co-operative patient on ward C-2.

Sgt. Debes is a veteran soldier, having enlisted in 1940 at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, in the infantry. He spent his first enlistment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, re-enlisted in 1942 in the Air Corps and was sent to Chaunet Field, Illinois for training, where he remained for nine months learning the intricacies of armament and combat crew work. In the ensuing years following his training, Debes saw duty at Wheeler Field in Hawaii, Sherman Field, Kansas, and then sent to his last station where he sustained his injury, Nichols Field in the Philippines.

The Air Corps lost a good soldier and fighting man when Debes was injured—he has an exceptionally fine record and would just love to get a crack at the Japs, though he knows he can't. He isn't worrying about anything, either. He wants to return to the Philippines to live someday, and he is certain it won't be a long time until he does get back.

TECHNICAL SGT. ELEVATED TO MASTER SGT. NEVER WAS A BAGGAGE SMASHER

Twenty four years of military service with nothing but character and efficiency ratings of "excellent" were climaxed for Master Sergeant Frank S. O'Brien last week when he was promoted from Technical Sergeant to his present grade, the highest in non-commissioned ranks.

Sgt. O'Brien, as everyone familiar with hospital organization knows, is in direct supervision of the patients property and baggage room, a responsible job that can produce a million and one heartaches if the slightest error is made in the handling of the thousands of articles that pass in and out every day—but the veteran soldier has things at fingertip control and the routine runs smoothly at all times, except perhaps, when a patient on the loose wants to look for the letter from his Aunt Fanny that he thought might be in the barracks bag he didn't turn in, but aside from those interruptions, one is astounded by the even blood pressure the Sergeant keeps when a convoy is being shipped and a thousand articles must be checked and re-checked by the head man.

Born in Brooklyn in 1888, Sgt. O'Brien attended public schools of that city and after graduating from high school, entered De La Salle College in New York for a background in the rudiments of commerce before starting out in the business world as a clerk in a prominent law firm in the same locality. The partnership for which he worked dissolved six years later and he then assumed a position as supervisor of the shipping department of one of the country's largest textile concerns, remaining there until the outbreak of the war in 1917. At that time, Sgt. O'Brien joined the Army and went to France with the 27th Infantry Division.

When asked if he participated in any of the major battles, the outspoken non-com replied, "Battles? Hell, I was in so many battles I can't remember the names of 'em." But then he went on to tell that he did remember the big push when the allies swept over the Hindenburg Line. "That's the only name I can remember out of the bunch—I can well recall what happened, but those French names slipped my mind." However, a peek at his service record indicates that in addition to the Hindenburg battle, he took part in La Selle River and Jone de Mer Ridge battles. He also saw action in the Bursbrant Ridge engagement in Belgium, and the Knoll-Guilleucont Farue, and Maurice River engagements in France. The minor engagements listed on his record are the Poperhinge and Dickebush Lake sectors, which show that the types of action he participated in range from the largest to the smallest, so the sergeant is well acquainted with hand to hand warfare.

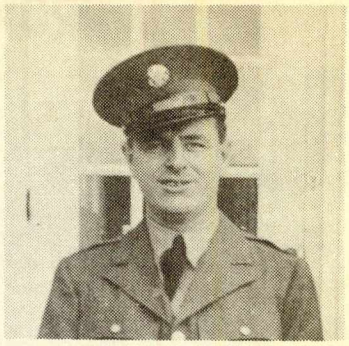
Sgt. O'Brien had only been in the service for but five months when he was appointed Sergeant of his platoon, and held that rating all during the war and up until subsequent promotions except on the occasions when he transferred from one corps to another, but even in those cases, the old timer never took longer than a few months to make his former grade, and sergeant warrants were as scarce then as furloughs are today, he tells us proudly.

After the Armistice was signed and there was no great need for infantrymen, the Sergeant was reassigned to the Quartermaster corps, given his same grade, and put in direct charge of the Commissary for a whole division until his outfit returned to New York and he was discharged—but not for long. Immediately on his discharge from the QM corps, the veteran who was now privileged to wear the two gold service chevrons on his left arm (indicating a full year's service overseas) reenlisted in the cavalry and saw service in the Hawaiian Islands until 1922. As well as the cavalry, he also saw duty in the Ordnance department, and in his grade of sergeant.

"I've been in the Army a long time, all right," he says, "and I found out that it pays to study and find out about all the branches of service—I've studied in supply, ordnance, air force supply, medical supply and plenty of other branches," so the sergeant is well qualified to hold his high grade, not only in the medical department, but in others as well. "Know just a little

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. ROBT. J. HARRINGTON

Pvt. Robert J. Harrington, clerk in Unit Personnel, missed his vocation when he was inducted into the Army last March and assigned to the Medical Department instead of the Infantry—Harrington is by far and without even a close second the "walkin'est" man on the post.

His most recent trip taken on the pedal extremities lasted nine and a half hours, and took him from one end of the city limits to the other side of town and he didn't miss seeing a thing on the way. He began at Letterman at 6 p. m., went east to Fisherman's Wharf, down the waterfront to heaven knows where, and finally ended up miles across town at Mission Dolores at 12 midnight. Then to top off that short jaunt of perhaps 25 miles, Harrington cooled off his heels for a few moments and started the trip back, winding up at Letterman at 3:30 a. m., and all he offers in explanation is, "Walking is my hobby, and boy, was that trip fun!"

The soldier with the desire to "pick 'em up and lay 'em down" is a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and lived there from birth until his entrance into the Army. Harrington was forced to leave school at the age of 14 and go to work for his bread and butter, but continued his education after working hours, attending two night schools for a number of years. His first job has been his only job in civilian life—starting as copy boy on the Milwaukee Sentinel 15 years ago, he ended up as supervisor of state circulation just before his induction.

Our Buck is a married man of five months standing, having decided only a short time before induction that he couldn't live another minute without the present Mrs. Harrington, and expects to bring her to San Francisco shortly to make their permanent home.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Sgt. Fredrick Essen, who in the past has been an assistant instructor in the Medical School, finally received his long sought after transfer and said good-byes to everyone here last Saturday, Essen will join Sgt. Clovis Walker, who left here about five weeks ago, and is now acting first sergeant in a medical detachment not far from San Francisco.

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Sgt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy, and Corporal John Carroll, returned from detached service last Sunday, and reported a fine trip, and were glad to get back home, and leaving on the same day were, Pvts. John Shea, and Thomas Winborne, who will get a chance to stop off home for a day or two, before returning back to the schools.

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S/Sgt. Howard B. Dow, and his men have done it again, for three weeks now their barracks has been the most consistantly clean building in the School Detachment, the reward? No bed check over the week-end, but we hear that it will be different this week.

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Another wedding has taken place in the schools, Pvt. R. Buterbaugh, and the former Miss Clara Jean Henne, of Buffalo, N. Y. were joined in wedlock, in the hospital Chapel last Saturday by Chaplain Shuder.

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At the end of this month, three of our former detachment members who left for Officers Training School, will become Second Lieutenants, they are, 1st Sgt. John T. Young, who is at Carlisle Barracks Pa. Leroy R. Sixberry, at Camp Barkley, Texas, and Allen R. Greendale, at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The Detachment is very proud to have had these men as members, and we will all join in wishing them the very best of luck, where ever they may be assigned.

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

The new graduating class worrying about where their new post will be, the rumors are flying thick and fast, but nobody really knows for sure as yet.

S/Sgts. William Walker, and Joseph Hodge, taking their car, "Hulda" apart last Monday, while Sgts. Delmar Carlson and Jennings Lyon, were waiting to be picked up at the Presidio Golf Course, they finally walked home.

Pvt. Seymour Hecht, of the Pharmacy School, former Chicago Bears football player, showing the boys how he used to catch those long passes.

Our Keglers Keep Counting But Can't Come Close

The Letterman Bowling team lost another two out of three game series to the Natividad Cigar Five Wednesday night on the Downtown Bowling Lanes. Spotting the Cigar team a 42 pin handicap at the start of the series, the Medics only were able to win the second game 943 to 831.

Sgt. Kuntz was high man for the night with a 631 pin triple score; and by bowling a 255 score on his second game he joined the 250 club at the Down Town Lanes and received his membership certificate in the form of a gold medal. Wilcox was second high with a 537 triple.

Bowling scores:

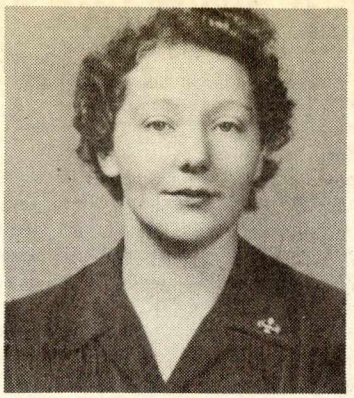
NATIVIDAD CIGARS				
Bloomfield	152	138	188	478
Ducine	188	167	154	509
Prellwitz	142	159	153	454
Brenner	152	160	180	492
Szekely	186	207	176	549
	820	831	851	2502
LETTERMAN				
Mottier	135	188	166	489
Wilcox	167	192	178	537
Marano	186	169	170	525
Yohe	150	120	107	377
Kuntz	170	255	206	631
	808	934	827	2569

WEDDING BELLS

On Friday evening at 7:30, July 17th, a marriage was performed in the Post Chapel by Chaplain Harry A. Shuder for Sgt. Ralph D. Hightower and Miss Lucile McKissack.

The couple was attended by Ruth B. Martin of Kansas City, Missouri as Maid of Honor for the bride and Sgt. Rosylen H. Morey of this detachment as Best Man for the Groom, and several close friends of the bridal pair witnessed the ceremony. A reception was held after the wedding at the new home of the bride and groom on California street, after which the couple departed on a three day honeymoon trip.

Sgt. and Mrs. Hightower are both from Kansas City, and the bride was accompanied on her trip to San Francisco by Miss Martin.



JANET RICHARDS
2nd Lieut., A. N. C.
Recently Arrived Here

Chance To Be M. P. Officers Opened For Non-Coms

Opportunities to become commissioned officers with the Corps of Military Police of the United States Army now are open to warrant officers and noncommissioned officers, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

To qualify for appointment, the applicant must have an excellent record, and at least eight years of continuous service with the Army during at least four years of which he has been a non-commissioned officer.

Applications, with the recommendation of the commander concerned, will be forwarded to the office of the Provost Marshal General. The grade to be attained in each case will be determined by the War Department.

Army Air Force Accidents Lower

The Army Air Forces present accident rate is 68 percent lower than in 1930 and 10 percent lower than the average rate for the 10 years between 1930 and 1940, War Secretary Stimson said. Mr. Stimson said every U. S. soldier going into a theater of operations will receive a package of five grams of crystalline sulfanilamide for wounds in addition to 12 sulfanilamide tablets for internal use. Army Air Forces Commander Arnold announced formation of the troop carrier command charged with transporting by air the fighting men and their weapons and supplies in theaters of operations.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Frank S. O'Brien, appointed Master Sergeant; William T. Rogers, James C. Strickland and Vaughn G. Yeomans, appointed Technical Sergeants; James Bohler, George C. Edwards, Valent H. Fletcher, Herbert Goldstein and Henry P. Smith, appointed Staff Sergeants; Lonnie C. Redus, appointed Sergeant; Vincent Belillo, Ora D. Conley and Norman K. Anderson, appointed Technicians 5th Grade; and Harry E. Bronner, James S. Carender, Robert P. Haupt, Morris Huber, John W. Kozak, Claudie R. Johnson, Alfred L. Moore, Bernhard H. Oltmann, Hager Powers, Filbert J. Quiroz, James H. Starkey, Euclid E. Wilkison, James G. Willis and Roy W. Zaren ,appointed Privates First Class.

A welcome is extended Privates Z. K. Johnson and Alfred G. Lehman who joined this station during the week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Albert H. Hansen returning from a short trip engaged to be married.

S/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin being awakened each morning—not by the CQ, but someone throwing rocks at his window.

T/Sgt. Rue B. Masterson back from a trip to Arkansas and still not married.

The lament that went up when notice was posted that no single man would be allowed to ration separately.

The Sgt. William L. Fullers buying more than their share of War Bonds each month. A nice saving account in the making.

S/Sgt. Harold E. McComb whistling "If I Had the Wings of An Angel" down in Ward 7.

Pfc. David J. Ross out apartment hunting for his mother and being fussy-to-a-fault about it.

Sgt./T Bert H. Berry still getting up in the mornings when most people have just started the second leg of their slumbers.

Pvt. Francis C. Monahan taking S/Sgt. Rosco J. Willey to breakfast and ultimately the tables turned and Willey being taken for breakfast.

A (rumor?) of an eventual Sgt. Harris-Pauline romance combination.

Army Can Use Many Railroad Workers

Railroad men, whether they be brakemen, conductors, firemen, or engineers, may serve in the Military Railway Service, Corps of Engineers, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The Military Railway Service boasts a brilliant record, first established in the Civil War and carried on during the World War, for prompt and efficient transportation of soldiers and supplies. The name applies to the organizations that operate and maintain military railways and the branch recruits its personnel primarily among soldiers with civilian railroad experience.

The service comprises a Railway Engineer Headquarters and subordinate units designated as Railway Grand Divisions, Railway Operating Battalions, and Railway Shop Battalions. Basic units are the Operating and Shop Battalions. Each Operating Battalion is constituted to operate and maintain a railroad division (50 to 120 miles of track) and each Shop Battalion is equipped to effect major repairs to motive power and rolling equipment. Railroad construction ordinarily is performed by other Engineer troops.

Office personnel for grand division and battalion headquarters are supplied from commercial railroads. An applicant, to be considered for appointment as an officer, must be recommended by the chief executive officer of his employing railroad, must be physically qualified, and must submit completed application forms prescribed by regulations. Officers appointed remain in the service of the sponsoring railroad until their individual services are required or until the unit to which they are assigned is mobilized. When called to duty they are normally given a month's general military training before joining one of the troop units.

Railroad men entering the Army are advised upon enlistment or induction to stress their railway experience and to request assignment to an Engineer Replacement Training Center for assignment to a unit in the Military Railway Service.

Railway-trained men in the Army, not assigned to the Railway Service are invited to write the Chief, Railway Branch, Troops Division, Office, Chief of Engineers, New War Department Building, Washington, D. C. An applicant should give his full name, Army serial number, current assignment, name of railroad from which he was furloughed for military service, and a brief resume of his experience. Should it appear to be in the best interests of the service, the Chief of Engineers may request his transfer to a railway unit.

Q. M. NEWS

This column is adopting the Q. M. "Stepchildren" (Garage Personnel) for publicity purposes. This Unit, made up of Medical Detachment men, have been doing a splendid job for the hospital at large. Sgt. John V. Mills has been in charge of operations for the past few weeks, ably assisted by Sgts. George Devine and Nels K. Berg. Much credit is due these men for the efficient and expeditious service rendered.

Captain Lewis Parody, on return from his trip to El Paso, Texas, had a very interesting tale to tell about his visit to Hollywood, enroute. You movie fans would do well to contact the Captain for the latest dope. Wonder if the C. O. of San Rafael knows all the details?

Staff Sgt. Charles Mehr enjoyed his trip home to Logan, Utah, but complained that the "beaneries' enroute are going back to the old highway robbery times, minus nothing but the six shooters.

No Jays in the Army

Ever wonder why there is a gap between I and K when it comes to lettering infantry companies? In other words, the letter J is missing, entirely, when it comes to any army organization, infantry or otherwise.

Reason for J's apparent dislike by army officials is not that it looks like an I, but the fact that over telephone and radio, J sounds too much like K, creating a confusion that could easily prove fatal in war operations. Therefore, one letter had to go and J was the one.

To release new space for production, one company is microfilming documents and records that go back as far as 1882. The records now take 45,000 sq. ft. for storage; microfilmed, they will need a vault only 10 feet square.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who deserve help, whenever and wherever such help is needed. Relief may be granted in the form of money, by loans, by aid in kind, including fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization, assistance in securing pensions, compensation, insurance and allotments and through information, consultant, placement and supervisory services. Soldiers or their dependents can ask for help at any Army post, camp or air field, or local Red Cross Chapter, where full information will be available. When applying, dependents must give name, grade, serial number, organization, station or last mailing address of the soldier.

A chapter of the Army Emergency Relief is now functioning at this post and is prepared to receive and act on all applications for such relief. Requests should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

9th Corps Area Gets New Name

It's no longer the Ninth Corps Area.

Army public relations officials announced yesterday in Washington that the name "corps area" in the future will be known as "service command."

So the West Coast's Ninth Corps Area now is the Ninth Service Command. Its headquarters will remain in Salt Lake City, having been moved from San Francisco recently.

Details of reasons for the change in designation could not be learned immediately, but it was said to be based on the action several months ago which removed troop command functions from the corps area headquarters, leaving them only with administrative and service functions.

It was explained that since a "corps" is a field unit of troops, the word no longer has any logical relation to the work performed by the Ninth Corps Area organizations. Since the Army's reorganization last March, the various Army corps had been part of the ground forces, while the corps areas were part of the services of supply organizations.

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TECH. SGT. ELEVATED

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more than you are required to know, and you'll get along all right," is his advice to soldiers just entering the service.

In 1922, Sgt. O'Brien returned to the mainland, and re-enlisted in the Medical Department at Letterman, where he has been ever since. His first duty here was with the dental clinic, where he soon became head man among the enlisted personnel of that section, and after eight months as a private in the medical department, he won his sergeant's warrant again, and shortly after, in 1923, was relieved of his clinic job and appointed non-com in charge of patients property accountability. Before that time there was no such thing as accounting for incoming patients property, he tells us, and so the hard working sergeant had to start from scratch with his own department, and has been in charge of that section ever since.

"I had my desk in the personnel office up until all this extra work of evacuation began last year—then they put me down here in the basement where I could be in direct contact with all activity," he tells us, "and believe me, it's a full time job."

Sgt. O'Brien was appointed Staff Sgt. in August, 1940, Technical Sgt. in 1941, and the ink is not yet dry on his Master Sgt's warrant, issued just last week. The eight service stripes on his left sleeve will soon be joined by the last, the ninth stripe. "After three years with that stripe on, I just won't get any more," he grins, "and then I can just sit back and take it easy." He will be eligible for retirement when the row of nine stripes are ready for a tenth, to indicate thirty years faithful service.

The affable Sergeant takes pride in owning his own home in San Francisco, which is shared with Mrs. O'Brien whom he married in 1929. For hobbies, he likes gardening, cultivating his lawns, and keeps a fine dog now educated to regard the shrubs and plants as his master's property and not playthings of his own. "Sure he's a smart dog" the sergeant whose ancestors are direct from the 'ould sod' agrees, "why wouldn't he be smart—he's an IRISH terrier!"

One West Coast shipyard finished a Liberty freighter in 70 days flat, a new construction record.



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Attempt To Trace Source of Yellow Jaundice Germs

A vaccine used to innoculate troops against yellow fever is believed responsible, Secretary of War Stimson said today, for 28,585 cases of yellow jaundice in the Army this year, resulting in sixty-two deaths.

Stimson said a full investigation was under way, and that a complete report would be made when the inquiry was completed.

The office of the Surgeon General, however, refused to make public the name of the company manufacturing the vaccine. This would be classed as military information, it was explained, but the publicity probably would be embarrassing to the manufacturer.

An effort is being made, Stimson said, to find out how the vaccine inoculated the troops with jaundice. He described the jaundice outbreak as baffling.

The Surgeon General's office said there was no evidence of negligence in the preparation of the vaccine. It was pointed out that the number of jaundice cases represented only a small portion of the millions of troops vaccinated against yellow fever.

Stimson said the vaccine was changed when the inquiry indicated it caused the jaundice outbreak.

"The change in the vaccine was made some time ago," he explained, "but cases still are breaking out among men who were vaccinated during the time of the incubation of the vaccine."

He said the Surgeon General's office reported that the number of cases were diminishing. The peak was reached during the week of June 20th, he declared, when 2,997

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RESTRICTIONS OF FREE MAILING PRIVILEGE EXPLAINED BY P. O.

The following information furnished by the Post Office Department is published in substance for the information and guidance of all personel:

(a) The free-mailing privilege is applicable only to personal letter mail in its usual and generally accepted form, including messages on post cards, sent by members of the United States Armed Forces. This provision is primarily for the purpose of making it easier for men in the service to keep in touch with their families and friends. It does not apply to correspondence from their wives or other relatives, nor to any matter sent to members of the military forces by persons who are not members of such forces.

(b) It is required that the name of the sender, his rank or rating, the designation of the service to which he belongs, and the word "Free" be in the handwriting of the sender on the envelope or cards, in order to be accepted free of postage. This is necessary to prevent misuse and to confine the free mailing privilege to personal letters of members of the military forces. The approved address of the member should, of course, be included in the return card.

(c) ITEMS WHICH MAY BE MAILED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF POSTAGE:

Personal letters to relatives, friends, etc., including V-Mail.

Letters, including remittances, to associations, firms, or corporations.

Letters sent as special delivery, provided the fee for such service is prepaid.

Small photographic negatives and unmounted prints when accompanying letters.

Souvenir and pictorial cards, unless bearing matter of a promotional character.

Greeting cards such as Mother's Day, birthday, seasonable, etc., enclosed in envelopes.

Election ballots.

Letters mailed while the sender is on furlough.

Letters sent by the cadets of the United States Military Academy.

Letters sent by retired or Reserve Army officers who have been recalled to active duty.

Letters sent by members of the armed forces while in hospitals.

Letters sent from members of the armed forces who may be assigned to some special active duty.

Letters from nurses and chaplains who are members of the armed forces.

(d) ITEMS ON WHICH POSTAGE MUST BE PAID:

Air Mail.

Registered, insured, or c.o.d. mail.

Parcels or packages, whether sealed or unsealed.

Newspapers, magazines and books.

Circular letters.

Newspaper clippings, and printed or mimeographed matter, unless enclosed with letters and forming only an incidental feature.

Cards exceeding the post-card size consisting mainly of cartoons or other printed matter.

Pictorial folders.

Envelopes and cards containing extraneous printed matter, stickers, etc., on the face.

Matter sent for philatelic purposes.

Merchandise.

Wedding invitations or announcements.

Large mounted photographs.

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Medal of Purple Heart for Two AAF Privates

The country's oldest of all medals for meritorious service, the Order of the Purple Heart, was presented on Tuesday afternoon of this week to Private Sydney A. Davis and Private Edward L. Allen, both of the Army Air Force, as a reward for their conduct on the occasion of the surprise bombing attack at Hickam Field, Hawaii, on December 7 of last year.

The citation accompanying the award was read by Colonel A. B. McKie in the presence of Colonel Frank W. Weed, Commanding Officer, Captain Donald E. Moore and Lieut. William E. Irons. At the conclusion of the reading Colonel Weed pinned the medals on the uniform coats of the men who were honored.

The citation for their meritorious acts reads,

"1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:—Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 11, AR 600-45, 8 August, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2, 10 August, 1938, and circular No. 2, Headquarters Hawaaian Department, 1942, the following named enlisted men having been wounded while performing meritorious acts of essential service during the Japanese air attack on the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, 7 December, 1941, are awarded the Purple Heart:

SYDNEY A. DAVIS, PRIVATE, Hickam Field, T. H.

EDWARD L. ALLEN, PRIVATE, Hickam Field, T. H."

A new type of opaque glass that floats like cork and can be used as the buoyant element in the construction of life boats, life rafts, life preservers, and pontoon bridge supports has been developed by one company.

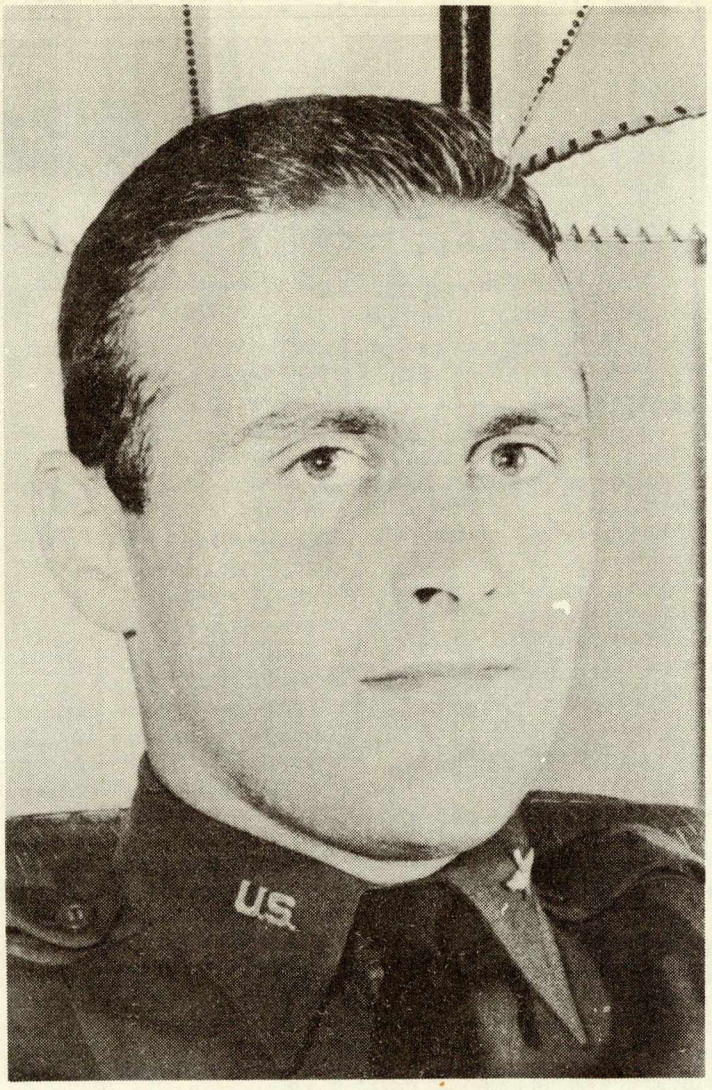
PARADISE TURNED INFERNO THAT DECEMBER SUNDAY MORN

When Lieut. Walter S. Smith AAF, a casualty of the Jap raid on Hickam Field last year, took off from Hamilton Field, California, last December to perform a secret mission in the isles of the Pacific, he would have scoffed at the idea that he might be bombed, machine gunned and finally returned to California as a patient instead of a cheerful pilot returning home with his mission successfully completed.

Lieut. Smith left the coast airport in the cool darkness of the night of December 4th with a full crew on the bomber he was to take on his long journey across the Pacific. They carried secret orders and were told to keep their radio silenced en route as relations with Japan were strained at that time, though not considered critical, and no chances were to be taken of revealing their position by radio communication.

"It was just a routine trip over," the lieutenant told us recently in an interview, "but just the same an interesting one, because I'd never flown a long distance over water, and besides, all of the crew was just a little excited and pleased about this mission of ours—it would have been a great trip—of course I can't say what it was, but we really anticipated the work set out for us—but it just didn't work out that way."

"Our plane arrived right on schedule at the field" he told us, "on the next day, the fifth of December. It took us eleven hours or so to make the complete journey. Most of us had never been in Hawaii before, so aside from checking our ship over and attending to routine matters, we had plenty of time to look around—we weren't scheduled to leave until the seventh. On the morning of the seventh, our whole crew got up very early for a last check of the plane and equipment. We were standing around the plane which was out on the field, while fifteen mechanics and technicians made last minute adjustments. It was a nice sunny morning, and we were all in fine spirits about getting started on the job we had in hand further south—then we heard planes diving over Pearl Harbor." This dive-bombing and strafing everyone took to be some realistic maneuvers — they couldn't quite make out the insignia of the planes in action, and thought them to be Americans. "Boy, what a mistake that was!" he grinned.



WALTER SNOWDEN SMITH III
First Lieutenant, Army Air Force

"Then a short time later, some planes began to zoom down over the field — about thirty-five torpedo planes with the red circle of the rising sun painted on the fuselage—it was darned good dive-bombing, too" the lieutenant said. "We scattered as soon as we knew what was going to happen. I ran between two hangars nearby. It wasn't a safe place, I found out, but it was the best shelter I could find. Bombs were exploding all over the place and Jap machine guns were chattering and digging up dirt. Then one of the bombs exploded near me, and I caught a piece of shrapnel in my leg, just above the ankle, and it left my foot hanging on by a scant piece of skin."

The wounded leg began to bleed profusely, but the officer refused to become excited about it—"I suppose I was too shocked to get very excited—anyway, I remembered what they taught me in first aid classes." The lieutenant proved then that he would have made as good a medical soldier as he is pilot, when he pulled off his belt and made a tourniquet just below the knee which cut off the flow of blood. "Then I crawled into a hangar and lay there for about two hours—the only thing that worried me was that I couldn't judge the passage of time very well, and I didn't know how often to release the belt so that circulation wouldn't stop altogether, so I just losened it every few minutes and it worked out all right." The timely clear headed thinking of Lieut. Smith in applying the tourniquet probably saved his life. "It worked just like the book says," he smiled, speaking of the tourniquet.

When he was picked up two hours later, he was taken to Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu, where he met many of his fellow officers and flying mates, then he was subsequently transported to Letterman, and just last month released on sick furlough. While here for the past five months, Lieut. Smith was a familiar figure to everyone in the hospital, as he was always either coming or going someplace in his wheelchair, which, it is rumored, has been salvaged, having wheeled a life-time of miles under the strong hand of Lieut. Smith in four months. He is also well known for the beautiful and frequent visitors he had during his stay here, although he argues that the only beautiful visitor he has ever had is Mrs. Smith, his spouse.

Lt. Smith is temporarily residing at Mill Valley in Marin County, coming across the bay for his treatments. He is a native of Syracuse, New York, a graduate of Syracuse University where he starred in baseball for four years and was a member of the football squad. He joined the army with status of Aviation Cadet in January of 1940, received his training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, and was commissioned second lieutenant in October, 1940. After his training, the lieutenant was stationed at Salt Lake with the 7th Bombardment Group, where he married "the girl back home" on October 27th, and left for the fateful trip to Hawaii just over one year later. He received his promotion from second lieutenant to first lieutenant in March, 1942—his recommendation having been delayed since the start of the war, the time when he ordinarily would have been promoted.

While waiting for his "new leg" to be finished in the orthopedic shop so that he can get back to duty, (the ferry command is his preference, should he get flying duty again) Lieut. Smith is having the time of his life "just fishin' " in the streams of Marin county. He smiles when he says, "Best vacation ever had!"

NURSES FROM MIDDLE WEST NOW IN LOVE WITH CALIFORNIA

From out of the heat of the middle west to the air conditioned clime of San Francisco came six nurses last week to join the staff at Letterman. They were formerly stationed at Chanute Field in Illinois and feel they are getting closer to a scene of action in their present surroundings. The "Welcome" mat was spread for them on arrival and by the time thls story gets to print they will be right at home. Individual introductions follow:

Miss **Mary Jasken** was born in Aitkin, Minnesota, attended Mount St. Benedict's Academy in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and entered the St. Cloud School of Nursing for her professional training. Upon graduating, she took post graduate courses in ward management and hospital administration at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and tuberculosis nursing at Trudeau Sanatarium at Saranac Lake, New York. Returning to Cook County Hospital she spent the following 12 years there, rising to the position of head nurse. Upon her enlistment on April 3, 1941, to the Army Nurse Corps she was stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, where she was head nurse in the pneumonia ward.

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Miss **Norma Thurow** was born in Neosho, Wisconsin, attended the Monomonee Falls High School, and took her professional training at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, graduating in 1933. She remained at this hospital and became head nurse in the nursery, then went to Baylor University in Dallas, Texas, to take a post graduate course in obstetrics. Following her enlistment in March, 1942, she was stationed at Chanute Field.

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Miss **Carylyn Matchey** was born in White Hall, Wisconsin, attended high school in Independence, Wisconsin, and took her training at the St. Francis Hospital at LaCross, Wisconsin. Upon her graduation in 1938 she did general duty at Skroch Hospital for three and a half years in Arcadia, Wisconsin. She was sent to Chanute Field following her enlistment in January, 1942.

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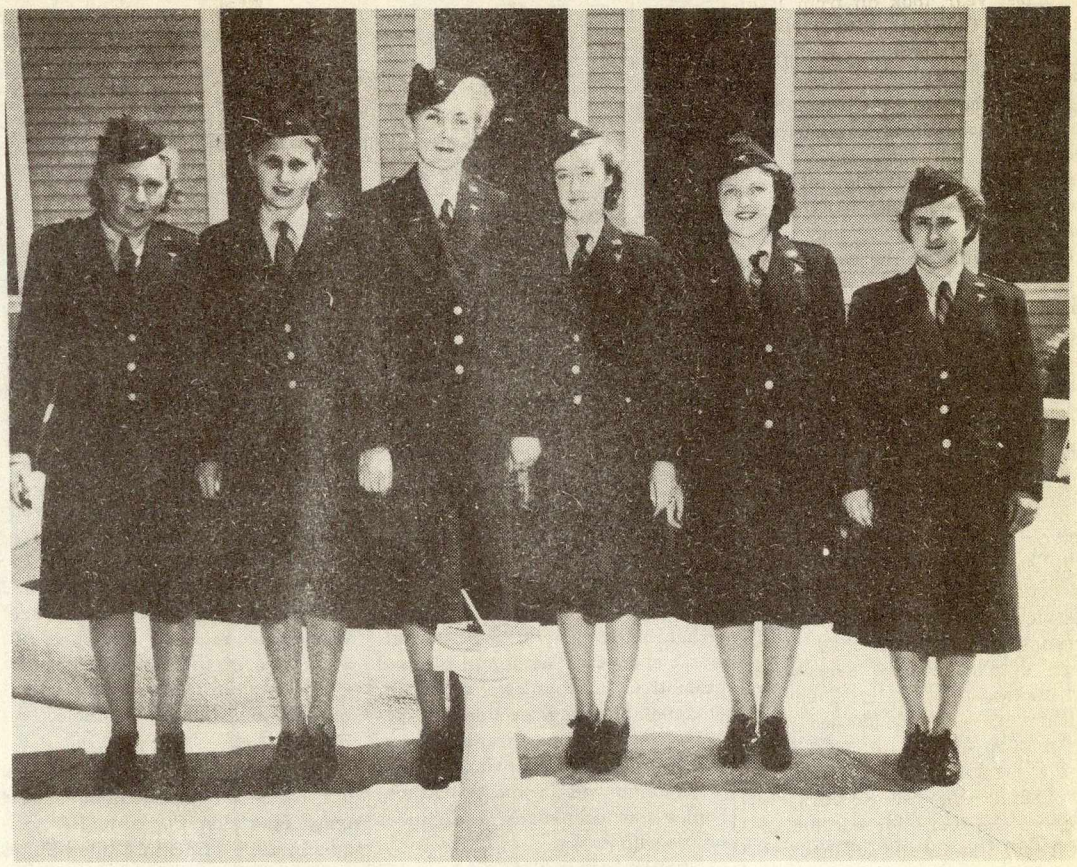
Miss **Dorothy L. Butterworth** was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and went to East Providence High School. After graduating from the Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket, R. I., in 1938, she took a post graduate course at Women's Hospital in New York, and was an operating room nurse at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She enlisted in January 15, 1942, and was sent to Chanute Field.

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Miss **Marguerite Cleaves** was born in Iola, Wisconsin, and attended high school in her native town. She attended the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for her nursing training and graduated in 1933. After further training at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago she took a post graduate course at Baylor University in Texas, going back to Evangelical Deaconess Hospital as hear nurse in obstetrics. Her career in the Army started March 2, 1942, when she was stationed at Chanute Field.

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Miss **Mildred Lockwood** was born in Horicon, Wisconsin, and attended the high school at Horicon. She entered the Milwaukee Passavant Hospital for her professional training, and following her graduation in 1938 did general duty in the vicinity of Milwaukee. Her interest in public health work was an incentive to take post graduate courses at Marquette University. Following her enlistment in January, 1942, she was stationed at Chanute Field.



Transferred from Chanute Field

Left to right: all Second Lieutenants, Army Nurse Corps—Reserve—Dorothy L. Butterworth, Carolyn B. Matchey, Mary L. Jasken, Norma E. Thurow, Marguerite C. Cleves, Mildred J. Lockwood.

Here's a Short Cut to OCS If You're Very Good

A soldier who is physically qualified may be rewarded for demonstrated fitness or meritorious service by appointment to an officer candidate school without having to appear before the usual board of officers for acceptance.

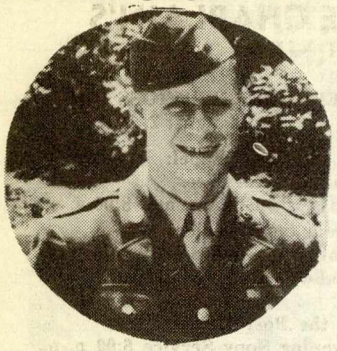
Any general officer is authorized to direct in orders that an enlisted man under his command especially selected for outstanding qualifications will be detailed as a student to the officer candidate school of the enlisted man's choice. The authority for these appointments limits the number to ten per cent of the quota currently allotted to the command.

Conditions governing the appointments are published in War Department Circular No. 205, dated June 25, 1942, which amends Circular No. 131.

A company which turns out fire extinguishers for fighting craft is pushing a program which provides a workshop for employes, where they can work out time-saving production ideas on their own or company time.

During World War I, airplane engines had to be overhauled every 50 hours. Today, because their vital parts are machined to within a few ten-thousandths of an inch, they can go 600 hours without repair.

ON THE SPOT



S/Sgt. ROBERT H. BALDWIN

"It is just three years ago to the day—August 1, 1939—that I joined the Army at Detroit, Michigan and left immediately for Hawaii," said S/Sgt. Robert H. Baldwin, battle casualty from the Islands and at present a patient on Ward E-2.

Baldwin had spent his entire life from the time of his birth in 1912 in Grand Rapids, Michigan until his enlistment in either Grand Rapids or Detroit. And when August 1, 1939 rolled around he had made up his mind to get out of that part of he country if he had to join the Army to do it. He did, and was assigned to the Air Corps at Camp Wheeler.

He had attended St. Francis and Catholic Central High Schools in Grand Rapids, and after graduation had gone to work in various manufacturing plants in Grand Rapids and Detroit—a restless, adventure-demanding nature taking him from one job to another. Clerical training in school had qualified him for work in offices only, and to the Sergeant, office work did not satisfy his love of adventure. So to Baldwin the Army seemed to be the answer to all his troubles.

"It seems that a man's past never leaves him alone," Balwin said. "Sure I fooled the Army for awhile into thinking I didn't know a thing about an office. Then, Bingo!—there I was, back of a desk again. And what irks me most is the fact that I don't know exactly how I happened to end up there."

Sgt. Baldwin was very definite about returning to active duty again if he has anything to say about the subject. No limited duty for him. He feels that physically he is quite capable of performing a "man's" job at any time and so desires to return to the Islands for duy if possible. to the Islands for duty if possible. service he plans to return to Hawaii after the war and make it his home.

"You know," he said reminiscently, "Hawaii is the only place to live. It has everything California claims to have—and more."

"Of course, if I can get back to the Islands before the war is over, that will be better still. It wasn't too pleasant crouched in a bomb crater during the raid—both arms shot up and useless—and unable to do anything but just sit and watch the machine gun bullets of the Jap planes splatter right up to the edge of the hole we were in, and on all sides. We were certainly lucky we were not hit while we were in the crater. And I believe I owe the Japs a little something and plan to see that they get it with generous interest."

INFORMATION ABOUT NEW ARMY SPECIALIST CORPS ISSUED BY ADJ. GEN.

1. The following data pertaining to, the purpose of, and the appointments in, the Army Specialist Corps, is furnished for information.

2. The objectives of the Corps are:

a. To bring under control of the Secretary of War and to assign to the arms, services, and those agencies of the War Department, individuals of professional, technical, scientific, administrative, and managerial qualifications and individuals to perform work incidential, subordnate, or preparatory to the work required of those occupying such professional, technical, scientific, administrative and managerial positions, and also to perform work in an artisan capacity as part of a trade or manual-skill occupation.

b. Examples of the types of qualified individuals, who will probably be required to fill positions in the Corps are: electrical, chemical, mechanical engineers; radio technicians, chemists, aeronautical and automotive mechanics; geologists, personnel directors, occupation specialists, statisitcians, transportation experts of all types, including, rail, water, motor and air and skilled mechanics and technicians of all trades and vocations.

3. Appointment:

a. The fundamental basis for appointment and employment of individuals in the Army Specialist Corps, will be that their services, whether in an administrative, professonal, scientific, or technical capacity, will release military personnel for combat or command duties. Such appointment and employment will not be made when it will result in the release of a civilian now performing the duty, unless the agency requesting the appointment can show that the job now being filled by the civilian should be filled by a commissioned officer.

b. The basic policies governing appointments to the Army Specialist Corps have been outlined by the Secretary of War, in a directive to Dwight F. Davis, Director General of the newly established organization.

"All political or personal considerations will be rigidly excluded," Secretary Stimson said, "and care will be exercised to insure the appointment of men who are fully qualified and specifically needed. Any attempt to provide employment for men seeking a job, or pay at a higher rate than that received in civil life, is contrary to approved policies and, of course, cannot be tolerated. Moreover, it will be necessary to insure that every reasonable measure is taken to avoid use of the Army Specialist Corps as a means of evading active military duty under the Selective Service Act."

c. Appointments in grades below that of Second Lieutenant in the Army Specialist Corps, to fill positions in the continental United States will be made only in the most exceptional circumstances, and when approved by the Secretary of War. All recommendations by the Director General for appointment in the Corps must be referred to the War Department Personnel Board for approval.

d. The Military Personnel Division of the Services of Supply will establish procurement objectives for arms and services and other War Department agencies requiring the services of individuals for duties that can be performed by persons without general military training. No such procurement objective will be approved solely to permit the appointment of a specific individual, nor will any appointment be considered unless recommended under an approved procurement objective by the chief of the branch involved.

e. There is no age limit. Men will be appointed as long as they have training, experience or knowledge needed by the Army even though in some cases, they may be over the maximum limit of 59 years.

f. The appointments will depend on the demand for specialists by

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. HAYDEN D. BOX
Private, Medical Dept.

Pvt. Hayden D. Box, wardman on D-1, is one man who has an outlook which will always keep him happy, at least as long as he is in the army.

"There are lots of jobs other than wardwork I'd rather have as a soldier," he says, "but then the grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence anyway. I just feel that whatever Uncle Sam wants me to do during the war is the activity where I can be of the greatest service to the war effort, and as long as I can feel I'm serving my country for a worthy cause, I'm certainly satisfied." And that's a mighty broad, generous viewpoint to take, especially for a man who has been accustomed to running his own ranch and having the other fellow carry out his orders.

Pvt. Box hails from Plains Texas, where he left his 320 acre stock and feed ranch to join the Army. He entered the service last February from Yokum County, Texas, was sent to Ft. Bliss in El Paso for a week, and from there to Camp Barkley for his basic training as a medical soldier, arriving here at Letterman last May. Box was immediately put to work in the surgical wards of the hospital as special attendant, finally ending up on his present job as ward man on the day shift.

Our Buck is a large rangy fellow, and when he tells you he played high school football you wonder why he didn't go on to college to play, he is such a powerful fellow, but he explains that his father passed away just when he graduated, and he was left with the responsibility of running the ranch and being "head man of the family."

Although he had never been inside a hospital until he joined the Army, Box has adapted himself to hospital work surprizingly fast, and he won't be a private for long.

Serve in Silence

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

YOU BET

The traditional "Aye, aye, Sir" of the Navy is threatened with an Army equivalent if a current practice assumes any greater popularity in our vicinity.

There was an old Army custom by which "Yes, Sir" or "Very well, Sir" indicated both an understanding of an order and its accompanying compliance. But the old order changeth and perhaps it is too much to expect the Old Army to remain unchanged.

For some time past it has not been uncommon — especially over the telephone—for a soldier or a non-com to conclude his end of the conversation with "You bet." True, it was not military in form and just a bit on the careless side. There was hope that proper supervision on the part of superior officers might correct a lapse of courtesy in speech.

That hope is probably groundless. Twice within a week we talked over the phone with a lieutenant colonel and on each occasion his final words were "You bet." If he were just an ordinary lieutenant colonel there still might be hope, but he is one of the General Staff Corps, and when the GSC lends the stamp of approval to an innovation it becomes part of permanent usage.

We hate to witness the interment of "Yes, Sir" if that is forecast by the vogue of the day. There was a certain verve in the background which the newer usage lacks.

We love the Army and if the Army changes we will change with it. You Bet.

Serve in Silence

THE OBSERVER SAW

One of our tall and stately blondes —the show girl type—holding hands with a handsome staff sergeant—but all in fun.

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Mr. **Raymond T. Donahue**, formerly the head man in Civilian Personnel but now retired and living on his income, back from a sojourn at Russian River and much better for it.

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Jim Gleeson, extra good feature writer for this publication, reviving the old adage that "A non-com does no work." Jim quit working immediately after the "Top" advised him to don chevrons.

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In that photo of the group of nurses from Chante Field Miss **Mary Jasken** is not standing on one leg. She just happened to take position behind our favorite sun dial.

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The early morning walkers to work still getting the free shower through the co-operation of the Post Gardener. Co-operation that is not appreciated too well.

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Corporal **William McDonald**, or "Big Mac" to you—improving after his recent hospital siege and anxious to get back on his beat as an M. P.

Vets of Foreign Wars Generous

The Canteen Service operated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California, has been very generous toward the patients of Letterman General Hospital during the past three months. In that time the total of twenty six thousand "tailor made" cigarettes have been donated for the comfort of the patients.

The "Vets" having been through the mill themselves understand that a bedfast man is not so good rolling his own cigarettes and for that reason they have avoided donating the sacks of loose tobacco and rice paper combination.

Twenty-six thousand cigarettes are a lot of cigarettes but the Vet's Canteen Service assures us there are more available and awaiting a call.

The patients are grateful for this activity of the Veterans and also grateful for the public support which makes it possible.



Congratulations are in order to Miss **Clara Rachel Oberg** on her promotion to the position of Chief Nurse, with rank of First Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps.

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Chief Nurse **Martha Smith** has been relieved from duty in the office of the Principal Chief Nurse and is now learning to cook in the Nurses' Mess. Of course, she knew how to cook before but this is fancy cookin' she's taking.

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The casual opening of a closed door brought us the news of Miss **Eileen E. Donnelly** on duty in the Fever Therapy room. No more housekeeping for her.

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Miss **Jane Sanctuary** has the honor of receiving the first of the V-Mail letters to arrive from overseas. Now she looks for a steady stream of the same.

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Miss **Eileen W. Brady**, formerly of Letterman and more recently Chief Nurse at Camp Callan, won special mention in the public prints recently as the signer of War Bond pledge No. 1,000,001 among the people in Federal service.

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There is no respite for the pansies, daffodills, and petunias in the flower bed lining the walk leading to the Administration Building. **Miss Cuppy** now does the plucking where **Miss Newton** left off.

Ruth Pinkston Has Resigned from Red Cross Staff

Miss Ruth Pinkston, who has been a trainee in the office of the American Red Cross at Letterman for the past two months, has resigned her position here and will return to Klamath Falls where she is on the teaching staff of the high school.

Miss Pinkston was very popular with the patients and personnel and she leaves with the genuine regret of all who learned to know her during the brief period of service in our midst.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 2, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

THE BRIDGE

An old man, going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the outer side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

—Selected.

Serve in Silence

--See Chaplain Shuder For Bonds

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Adolph Gaydos and Gleason Louderback, appointed Sergeants; Verdean J. Herbold and Paul B. Otten, appointed Corporals, and William Belikoff, Curtis H. Erlich, Robert J. Harrington, William S. Morris, Dalton E. Poff, Harry G. Thomas, Gabriel Barrios, Sam B. Bornoty, Joseph C. Gaugler, Arthur F. Glein, William R. Halvorson, Glenn P. Hamilton, Eugene F. Koch and Edward H. Tonies, appointed Privates First Class.

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A welcome is extended Privates Armel E. Warmack, Caesar J. Michelotti and Anthony Mascarelia who joined this detachment during the week.

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Four more men from the detachment received orders during the week to report for Officers' Candidate School.

Sergeants Robert E. Cook and Lonnie C. Redus have been ordered to report to Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Maryland, on or before July 29th for training as officers in Chemical Warfare Service.

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Staff Sergeants William R. Odahl and Ralph Gustofson were ordered to report to Camp Barkeley, Texas, on or before August 1st as trainees in the Medical Administrative School.

The 90 day course of training, if completed successfully, will mean second lieutenant bars for these men. The members of the Detachment wish them success.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Private Joseph T. Boyle off to meet his wife who arrived at 7:00 this morning from Detroit, Michigan.

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S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., off the "fire detail."

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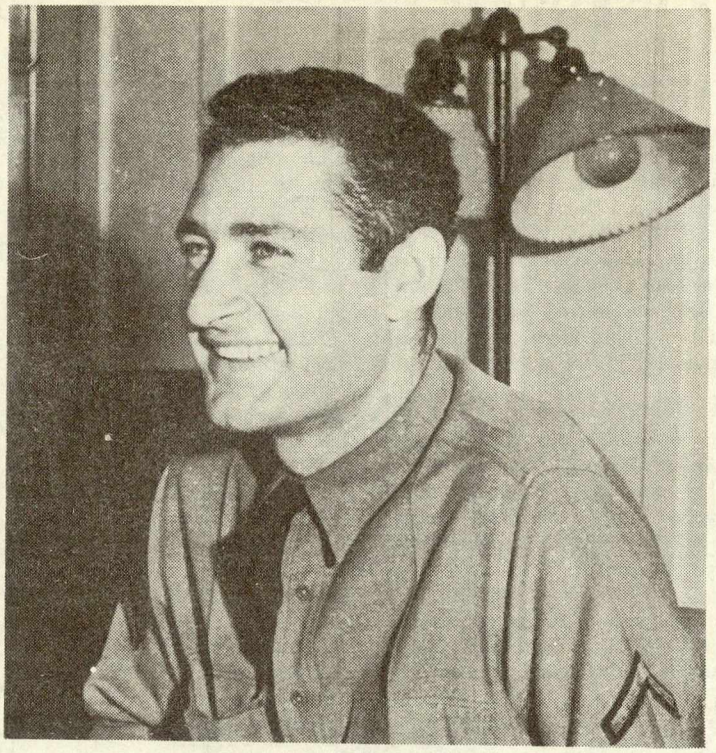
Sgt. Ralph D. Hightower and Cpl./T John W. Dean, Jr., arguing about who is the "boss" in their respective houses.

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M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz seeking help in putting on his shirt over a sunburned back.

Serve in Silence

GEORGIA GETS GAELIC GENIUS WHO GOES GUNNING FOR GOLDBARS



JAMES L. GLEESON

Sergeant, Medical Department
Who is feature writer for the "FOGHORN" and all around handy man on spot news stories.

Six feet two, eyes of blue, a grin that stretches out to here, black curly hair, and a quick Irish wit that will always outdistance the speed of his long legs. That's a thumb-nail sketch of our Jim.

Reversing the late popular song about the Jim "who never brings us pretty flowers," we'd like to toss a few bouquets in the general direction of our Jim. Sergeant James L. Gleeson, to be exact, feature writer extraordinary for the Fog Horn. We think his stories are extraordinarily witty and smart, but the boss thinks it's extraordinary if he gets the stories in on time.

The earlier part of the week, dialogue floats through the office on the order of: "Gleeson, where's that story I told you to write?" "I'm working on it now, sir." "Why isnt it finished?" "I'll have it ready this afternoon, sir." More verbal pushing from the boss, until the feature story is torn from the smoking typewriter and laid tenderly, just before deadline time, on the chief's desk. Usually it is a neat bit of reportorial art, graced with an Irishman's glib turn of phrase.

But prepare yourselves for a loss, friends, because our witty raconteur is laying down his pencil preparatory to picking up school books at the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, on August 8, 1942. The "going-away" present which pleases him most is his promotion to Sergeant from Private First Class. And our good wishes are that gold bars will replace the three stripes in a short time.

We've teased him about the famous "Georgia Peaches," but he pulls a very solemn face and says that "Helen" is the apple of his eye, and there's no room for peaches. And we believe him, because he's leaving his car, with four good tires on it, in her care.

While we were gloating over his good fortune, something was said to the effect that his first maneuver would be to take Fort Benning by storm, so Gleeson stuck out his chin and growled, "I'll show them a thing or three!" And this is his "last word," something of which he is very fond, and is often denied.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Wilson T. Smith, Major, Medical Corps, was relieved from his duties as Detachment Commander last week and was assigned to duty in the hospital. Major Smith was replaced by Horace J. Caterer, Captain, Medical Administrative Corps, who was formerly on duty in the hospital.

S/Sgt. Joseph E. Hodge left Sunday morning for Officer Candidate School, Camp Barkeley, Texas. The evening before Sgt. Hodge left he was given a farewell dinner by Mrs. Hodge and S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Walker at their home. He was also presented with a bill fold and Officer's Guide Book by his associates of the Pharmacy School where he was on duty. The Detachment joins in wishing Sgt. Hodge the best of luck.

Corporal Harvey Hablitzel took a day off Saturday to run down to Salinas and visit his sister who is residing there. Reports were that he had a very nice time, especially on the bus returning to post.

A new member has been added to the Detachment in name of Private Bruce E. Sloan, who was transferred from the Infantry to the Medical Department and will be on duty in the School Headquarters. Private Sloan hails from Inglewood, California.

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IT IS A SIGHT SO SEE——

Sgt. Carlson parading his very best girl and her mother, who is a visitor from Los Angeles, through the hospital and the schools.

Private Henry Pezzella wake up when Our Dog, Suzie, greets him with a lick and a promise——.

It's a Boy at the Michael Hitchkos

Announcement is made of the arrival of Michael John at the home of Lieut. and Mrs. Michael Hitchko at Newport Beach, California, on July 3, 1942.

Lieut. Hitchko is a former interne and at present in the Medical Corps while Mrs. H. is the former Marion Murphy of the Letterman ANC. They were married in our Post Chapel in June of last year.

Young Michael weighed in at nine pounds four ounces.

Q. M. NEWS

The Quartermaster Sextet has gone into hiding since publicity was given their efforts a couple of weeks ago. it might be the calm before the storm, however. Corporal Dean Latimer hopes that this is not the case, as his early evening rest has not been disturbed of late.

The fishing bug has hit several of the Q. M. men. Sunday last saw M/Sgt. Robert P. Rowell, retired, M/Sgt. Charles Middleton and Tech. Sgt. Kenneth L. Pieper, battling the elements, attempting to land one of those elusive "big ones,"—but, alas, in vain. Sgt. Middleton won the prizes for the first and biggest fish caught, with a couple of bass that most fishermen would disdain to use as bait. Sgt. Rowell at least got a thrill out of hooking on to a Sting Ray weighing between 50 and 60 lbs. Now, all Rowell needs is official confirmation that a Sting Ray is a species of fish to get the prize for the "biggest fish" back from Sgt. Middleton. Sgt. Pieper, with his new rod and reel "also ran." The Quartermaster, Major Hubert A. Stecker, received his initiation in California fishing a couple of weeks ago, and has already entered his order for a full complement of fishing tackle. Must be catching.

Sgt. John V. Mills, M.D., in charge of the Garage, has been very busy the past few days changing all the mud and snow tires over to regular tread. He dons "fatigues" and jumps right in, assisting with the dirty work.

A new civilian face is seen at the Quartermaster Office. Mr. Clifford C. Carmony joined since the last issue of the Fog Horn. Mr. Carmony was transferred to Letterman by official War Department Orders and will take charge of general procurement work in the Quartermaster's Office. He was accompanied by Mrs. Carmony and their two children. Good luck, and hope you like the Bay region Mr. Carmony.

Informal information has been received in the Quartermaster's Office that Lieutenant Brice, former Detachment QMC Commander, now stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, has just received his promotion to the Grade of Captain. If the FOG

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ARMY LOSES A GOOD ONE TO THE NAVY—AND WE MEAN A GOOD ONE



Mrs. VIVIENNE CULVER WILLIAMS, R. N.
Medical Social Service Worker who has been transferred to the Naval Hospital at San Diego.

The army lost to the navy in the move by which Mrs. Vivienne Culver Williams was transferred to duty a the Naval Hospital in San Diego last week, and one thing the army does not relish is to have the sister service gain an advantage of any kind.

Even though Mrs. Williams had married into the salty ranks of the sea, the army had a prior claim on her. She was a graduate from the Army School of Nursing which once upon a time was conducted right here at Letterman and although she went on from there to increase her store of knowledge and general proficiency in her own line of professional work, the Army continued to look on her as one of their own, and when she came back to Letterman as a Medical Social worker in February of this year it was felt that she had merely returned home.

Since that time she has been of invaluable aid to the officers and men on the Psychiatric Service in their dealing with the patients who have been under treatment here. Her training as a nurse gave her a complete understanding of the physiological problems so often allied to the psychological and psychiatric phases of the cases treated.

Mrs. Williams has a very pleasing personality characterized by a warmth of feeling which serves to give her a ready access to the confidence of the patients she meets in her professional rounds.

It was in keeping with her character that she imitated the example of the Arab who "folded his tent and silently stole away." She was gone a week before the news got around, and then one of the patients queried "Why do the good ones always go?"

Mrs. Williams will be carried on "detached service with the Navy" but she still belongs to the Army and the good wishes of the soldiers will follow her at her new station.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

AUGUST 1st and 2nd:
BIG SHOT—Humphrey Bogart and Irene Manning. Also Short Subject.

AUGUST 4th and 5th:
JACK ASS MAIL—Wallace Berry and Marjorie Main. Also Short Subjects.

AUGUST 6th and 7th:
WINGS FOR THE EAGLE—Dennis Morgan and Anne Sheridan. Also Short Subject.

238 MAC Officers Win Commissions At Camp Barkeley

The 238 soldiers who this week completed the intensive officer training at the Officer Candidate School at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and received their commissions as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps, came from 39 different states, came of a wide variety of civilian occupations, came up the hard way—through the ranks.

As to geographical representation of this initial class of M.A.C. officer candidates, natives of New York lead, being 25 in number. Next in order are California, 20; Texas, 18; Illinois, 16; Virginia, 13; Pennslyvania, 13, Ohio, 11.

Their civilian occupations are just as varied. There is an ex-country club manager, electrotype manufacturer, podiatrist, city planner, mortician, loom fixer, horticulturist, expediter, dairyman, soda jerker, actor, athletic director, complaint adjuster, life guard and male nurse. Of course, the bulk of the civilian occupation was more prosaic, most of the new officers having been in some form of business or professional work, while a smaller number were students, newspapermen, and professional soldiers.

The average age of this new group of officers is 26 years. The honors for being the youngest are divided between the two 20-year-old soldiers, Lester R. Rogers of Collins, Miss., and B. Mitchell McCarver, of Memphis, Tenn. Oldest man in the class is ex-Master Sgt. B. F. Eckles, 45, of Philadelphia.

Sixty-five per cent of the new officers attended college, with educational institutions all over the United States represented from Notre Dame to the Ivy Leaguers. Even Bristol University, of Great Britain, has one alumnus. But all the new administrative officers have more than their training in common. They have all served in the ranks of the U. S. Army Medical Department as enlisted men.

The Medical Detachment from Letterman General Hospital has sent fifteen men to the Officer Candidate School.

Powdered metal is coming rapidly into extensive use in industry as a material out of which metal objects can be pressed into finished form and complex shapes, saving a vast amount of work in machining operations.

ARMY SPECIALIST CORP

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other branches of the Army. No appointment will be made until a definite vacancy exists for the man applying. The first few thousand to be appointed will be mostly key men. As the Corps develops its needs will naturally expand to a 100,000 or more.

g. Men with professional, business or scientific training will be commissioned as oficers of Specialists Corps. Skilled men in mechanical and technical services will be graded as non-commissioned officers in grade from Corporal to Master Sergeants.

h. Appointments are for the duration of War and six months thereafter.

i. The physical standards are that a man be capable of doing the job for which he is appointed.

j. The Corps is not a haven for Draft Dodgers and no one will be accepted without prior approval of the Local Draft Boards. In general, persons in the following categories will not be accepted:

(1) Those liable for military service, when their current classification under Selective Service is Class I-A-O, I-B-O, IV-E, or IV-E-LS.

(2) Those who are under thirty years of age, unless permanently disqualified, physically, for general military service.

(3) Those who are over thirty and under forty-five, when their current classification is Class I-A.

(4) Those deferred for occupational reasons, who, in the opinion of Selective Service, should not be released.

Exceptions to these requirements will be considered only in extraordinary cases where the individual has special qualifications for a duty vital to the war effort for which no other qualified person is available. Where such an exception is sought, the circumstances will be carefully considered by a board composed of officers of the Corps appointed by the Director General. The findings of this board is case of approval will be coordinated with the Selective Service System.

k. Appointment to the Army Specialist Corps does not of itself alter the appointees' liability for Military Service under the Selective Service Act.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. Members of the Corps are subject to service wherever the Army is, even into the combat zones, and will be unarmed and untrained in the use of arms.

b. Promotions within the Corps will be made solely on the basis of merit and the needs of the service.

c. Members of the Corps will wear a single breasted olive drab uniform with silver buttons and maroon braid on sleeves and shoulders. There is no uniform allowance and members will provide them from personal funds.

d. Members will be under Army discipline as the Articles of War will apply to all Corps members serving outside of Washington.

e. Members appointed are required to pay own travel expenses to initial stations. Corps members traveling on official business will receive regular allowance given to civilian employes of the Government.

f. No allowance for board will be paid. When Corps members are quartered with the Army, the cost of their board and lodgings will be deducted from their pay.

Contribution of Two New Nurses Comes from Custer

Fort Custer has contributed to our growing nursing staff with the arrival this week of two former members of that command. Up to the time of going to press our local admiration society had not questioned the newcomers concerning the depth of their affection for California but it is felt they will fall in line and join the chorus of unceasing praise of our climate with only a casual mention of the cooling fogs prevailing at this time of the year. San Francisco and Letterman extend a welcome to—

Miss **Monica Everest** was born in Carson City, Michigan, and attended high school in her native town. She took her professional training at St. Lawrence Training School at Lansing, Michigan, graduating in 1934. During her nursing career she has done general staff nursing at Michigan State College Health Service, Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital and Mercy College of Nursing at Detroit, Michigan. Upon entering the ranks of the Army Nurse Corps in July, 1942, she was stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan. And to—

Miss **Myrtle Mary Martin** was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended St. John's Cathedral High School and took her nursing training at the Milwaukee County Hospital, followed by two years at the Wisconsin University. Miss Martin spent five years at the Wisconsin Industrial Home for Women, working in the laboratory and teaching, and two years at the Cook County Hospital. She was sworn into the Army Nurse Corps on June 1, 1942, and stationed at Fort Custer.

QUARTERMASTER NEWS

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HORN finds its way to Captain Maurice R. Brice, Q.M.C., our heartiest congratulations and best wishes are offered.

GEMS FROM THE BARRACKS

How about getting retreads on those G.I. shoes, Pvt. Paul Koski; they're squeaking so loud now you'd be a dead give-away in a "blackout."

The newly discovered talent of writing of one of the M. D. Garage Boys, namely Pvt. 1/cl. Phillip Stone, and not quite the character the name implies. The ability to express your thoughts for others, as you feel them, is a wonderful attribute. We all (and I'm not putting on a Southern accent) hope that you attain the highest success in the art of writing.

MAIL RESTRICTIONS

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Letters of officers' clubs and other organizations.

Cards and envelopes bearing advertisements or other inscriptions giving the name of the donors.

Letters from persons in veterans' hospitals who are not members of the armed forces.

Letters, bills and circulars pertaining to the private business or profession carried on by the members of the armed forces.

Envelopes or cards endorsed by a member of the armed forces for use by others, such as members of his family, etc.

TRACE YELLOW JAUNDICE

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cases of jaundice-stricken soldiers were admitted to hospitals.

The number of cases in hospitals dropped to 2,575 during the week of July 4th, he said.

Stimson said that, of the total number of troops admitted to hospitals since January, 24,057 were stationed in the United States and 4,528 outside the country.

Officials of the Public Health Service explained the vaccine had been developed in recent years.

Voila! Keglers Win Two Out of Three Games

From fifth to third position in the 875 Bowling tournament was Letterman's reward in annexing the game with Simmons Bed Company bowling team in a two out of three series of play at the Downtown Bowling lanes Wednesday night, July 22.

Sgt. Wilcox continued to move up in tournament handicapping with high individual scoring honors for the night when he bowled a 574 series. Sgt. Mottier was a close second with a 570 score for the evening. The Letterman group bowled the highest single game of 930 and thus maintained the average of at least one 900 pin score or better game in each game of the 875 series.

With 24 games to play in the current league, Letterman stands a good chance of coming out on top if they continue to repeat the good bowling form exhibited Wednesday night.

LETTERMAN				
Mottier	193	198	179	570
Marano	179	178	155	512
Wilcox	204	150	220	574
Yohe	163	167	144	474
Kuntz	191	203	168	562
Totals	930	896	866	2692

SIMMONS BED COMPANY				
Baccetti	162	166	167	495
Piazza	153	180	196	529
Darragauche	186	178	165	529
DeGregoria	165	165	156	486
Silva	171	166	156	493
Totals	875	894	879	2648

The Stork Was Here

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. D. C. Webber, Fourth Army, a son, Daniel Cotton, Jr., born July 23, 1942, weight six pounds, two ounces.

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To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. H. N. Snively, Foreign Service, a son, Robert Norman, born July 24, 1942, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

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To T/Sgt. and Mrs. C. D. Gonzales, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Jo Anne, born July 24, 1942, weight five pounds, four ounces.

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To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. R. S. McMillan, a daughter, Mary Catherine, born July 24, 1942, weight eight pounds, seven ounces.

Do you know what the raindrop said to the kitten?

Do you like the drizzle puss?

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LGH Men Are Taking Advantage of the Officer's Schools

Evidence of the fact that the enlisted men of Letterman General Hospital are taking advantage of the opportunities offered to win commissioned rank in the service is indicated by the number of men from this command now in training at the various Officer Candidate Schools throughout the country.

As is to be expected, the majority of the men are at schools for instruction of Medical Administrative Corps officers with Camp Barkeley and Carlisle Barracks sharing the honors, but we also have representatives at Fort Benning, Fort Monmouth, Edgewood Arsenal, Fort Francis E. Warren, and the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee.

Six members of the Medical Detachment and five members of the Special Service School Detachment have completed the course at Carlisle Barracks and are now on duty as officers of the Medical Administrative Corps. A total of twenty others are undergoing training in other schools at the present time.

The Board of Officers to select candidates for training meets at frequent intervals to interview applicants and to pass on their qualifications and no man who possesses the requisites will be denied the opportunity to appear before the board and receive approval as a candidate.

Letterman Hospital is proud of the representatives it has sent to the Officers' Candidate Schools.

Boats can now be sent full speed astern without either reversing the engines or shifting gears. A reversible pitch propellor has been developed by the industrial research laboratories of one company.



COMMANDING OFFICER CONGRATULATES RECIPIENTS OF PURPLE HEART

Colonel Frank W. Weed, M. C., Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital, extending congratulations to Privates Edward L. Allen and Sydney A. Davis of the Army Air Force, on whom he has just pinned the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart.

TONS OF TERRIFYING TANKS TURNED OUT AT TOP SPEED

"The United States is now exceeding the Axis in production of tanks."

This statement, made by a high government official in April, 1942, reflects the accomplishments of the automotive manufacturers and others in overcoming the lack of tank-making facilities in this country. In 15 years after the World War, only 30 tanks were built in the United States.

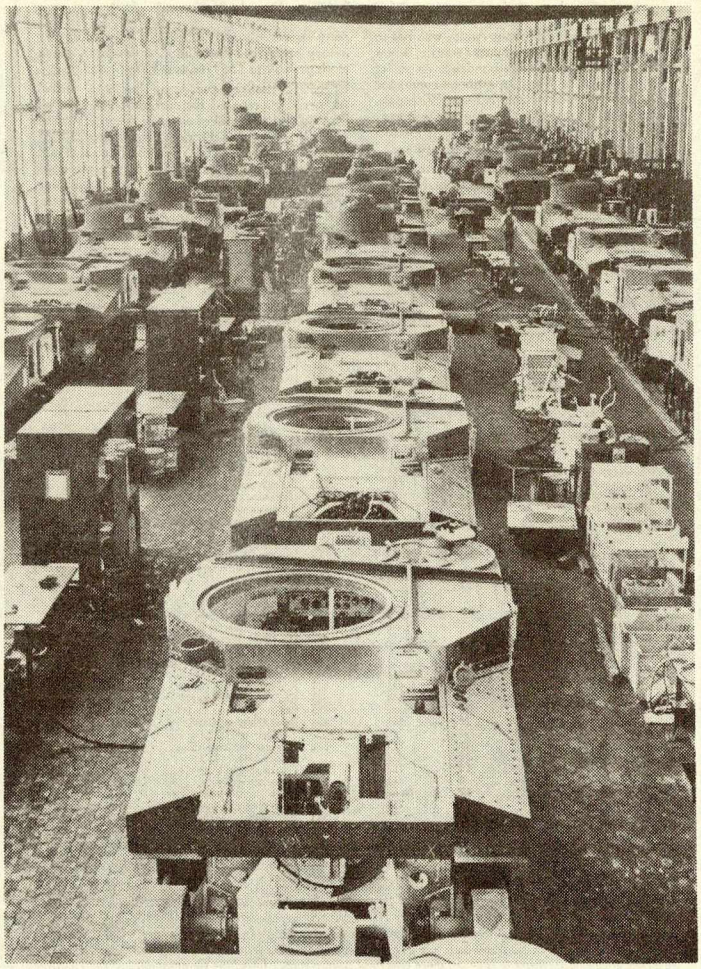
In the summer of 1940, one automobile manufacturer was asked to build 28-ton medium tanks. As these motor-driven fortresses had never been mass-produced before, the job called for a specially-built arsenal.

Delivering its first M-3 tank in April, 1941, the company went on to produce the remainder of the tanks called for in the contract some seven months ahead of schedule. Expansions were made to boost the production rate many times above what was originally specified. Today this company has reached capacity output. Although the figure is a military secret, it can be said that the present production rate was not even considered a possibility when the original contract was signed.

As the war spread and the armed forces of the United States grew, the Army awarded contracts for light and medium tanks to other automotive concerns. The companies which then came into the tank picture drew upon the accumulated experience of the first manufacturer, their peacetime competitor. Solutions to problems encountered on the first job were made available to the other companies. Engineers, master mechanics and others virtually camped at the producing arsenal, observing what it takes to make armored tanks. This allowed the newcomers in the tank field to get into production far ahead of schedule. Months were cut to weeks.

The rapid progress that has been made on the industry's tremendous tank undertaking is highlighted by the fact that one company will shortly handle in one day the same amount of materials as were handled in a full month a year ago.

Experiences with the riveted tank in actual battle on the Libyan desert in 1941 resulted in the U. S. Army decision to switch to a new all-welded tank whose surfaces are curved and therefore tend to deflect projectiles. Slightly lower in solhouette than its predecessor, it constitutes a target more difficult to see.



More U. S. Tanks Made Here Monthly than in Entire Last War

Moreover, it mounts its 75 mm. cannon in a revolving turret which facilitates fire in any direction of a 360 degree circle. This naturally increases the tank's effectiveness in action.

The changeover to the all-welded tank is being accomplished with less disturbance than is normally caused in the annual change of automobile models. The master mechanics of the first arsenal, having helped their former competitors through a sharing of experiences, are, in turn, being helped by the very men whom they taught. The closest of cooperation is being maintained between these peacetime rivals.

The excellent progress made on the tank assignment is due, in part, to the automotive industry's ability to overcome shortages of special machine tools. Unable to obtain many of the larger sized tools, several firms built their own in record time.

One company, for example, took on a government order, for giant planers needed in tank work. Starting with a small order this company completed the first planer in two months, as compared to the usual time of six months required to build one. The contract has since been increased, until this company is now supplying planers to many war contractors.

Ingenuity on the part of automotive engineers has been outstanding on the tank assignment, resulting in many short-cuts in production, product improvements, savings of critical materials and reduction in cost.

One company, for example, adopted a flame-cutting process to form the steel sprockets which transfer the engine's power to the caterpillar track. This method allows 12 sprockets to be turned out every six minutes. About eight hours were formerly required to make only one.

Another company developed several mammoth jigs to hold planes and sub-assemblies in place prior to the final assembly of the entire hull. Weighing 30 tons—as much as the completed tank itself—these jigs are equipped with a cradle-like framework that permits them to revolve barrelwise or to any other position needed for down-hand welding.

To cut down on welding operations, one company adapted huge presses—formerly used to stamp out automobile body panels—to the forming of armor plate. These presses eliminate 64 inches of welding in two places on the tank hull.

By rebuilding a multiple-type machine tool for the tank job, one firm released six other machines for another war assignment.

With the supply of vertical boring mills completely exhausted, another company, receiving an order for tanks, decided to build its own. Progress was so rapid that the company not only filled its own needs, but has since supplied vertical boring mills to other factories producing tanks.

Fifteen spring and bumper companies, by pooling their facilities have contracted to produce $25,000,000 of armor plate a month, sorely needed in the nation's expanded tank program.

New and ingenious methods of preparing tanks for shipment on flat cars have saved many hours of time and have greatly eased shortage of shipping facilities. Forty foot flat cars, for example, were previously capable of carrying only one tank, due to the extensive crating used to secure the tanks. Inasmuch as the load capacity of most of these cars was capable of carrying two tanks, one company sought ways and means of conserving space.

By redesigning the blocks which anchor tanks in shipment, this company eliminated sufficient dunnage on each end to enable it to load two tanks on each car. Other innovations enable two men to load a freight car in less than two hours. Previously it took four men approximately eight hours.

The tanks are rolling now to all fighting fronts.

Alien Curfew Law Still In Force

Rumors of relaxation of curfew regulations as affecting aliens on the West Coast are categorically denied by Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

"There has been no change in the terms of the original Proclamation as issued over the signature of Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army," declared Colonel Bendetsen. "Various organizations and groups are circulating such rumors. They have no foundation."

"The Proclamation makes it clear that all alien Germans, and all alien Italians shall be within their places of residence between the hous of 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., and at all other times all such persons shall be only at their places of residence or employment, or traveling between those places, or within a distance of not more than five miles from their place of residence."

"This does not mean, as some seem to think it means, that aliens, during non-curfew hours, can travel as far as they please so long as they are within a metropolitan area. They may not. It depends entirely on the size of that same metropolitan area, and whether such travel is daily to the place of employment. For example where the daily routine of employment requires in the regular course of work that the employee travel within a given area of a metropolitan center, he may do so during non-curfew hours even though the travel may be more than five miles. An example of this would be the case of a daytime city milk route. However, each case depends on its own merits and no blanket rule is stated."

BONDS BOUGHT

July sales of war bonds totaled $900,900,000, second highest monthly amount on record and $250 Million above June sales, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said. The highest monthly total was that of January when the amount was $1,060 Million. Mr. Morgenthau said the August quota has been placed at $815 Million. "Because of seasonal variations in income distribution, it would not be practicable to establish monthly quotas at a uniform figure of $1,000,000,000," he said.

The Army Institute Offers Study Opportunity

By the correspondence method the U. S. Army Institute offers educational, vocational, and technical courses of study to enlisted personnel of the Army.

EVERY enlisted man of the Army, who has to his credit more than 4 months service, is now eligible to enrol for a correspondence course of study through the War Department conducted Army Institute located at Madison, Wisconsin. Educational, vocational and technical courses are available. All necessary textbooks and instruction services are furnished by the Institute.

EACH course is designed primarily to make the Soldier more proficient in his duties, but most courses taken will in addition serve to help a Soldier prepare for employment in trade and industry upon return to civil life. The only charge is the nominal enrolment fee of $2.00 which must accompany each enrolment application. (Remit only by money order, certified check, or cashier's check made payable to *The Treasurer of the United States*).

TEXTS used by the Army Institute are especially prepared for correspondence study. The Soldier may take a course wherever he is located. He studies during his spare time, and at his own convenience. He is expected to submit at least one completed lesson each month, although he may complete his course as rapidly as his time and ability permit. Upon completion of a course, the Soldier will receive an Army Institute *Certificate of Proficiency*. He may then enrol for other courses if he so desires.

The following courses of study are now available:

Course No.	Title	Number of Lessons	Prerequisite
a. English:			
111	English for men of foreign birth or parentage	10	None
131	English grammar	14	None
132	Business letter writing	9	131
b. Social studies:			
311	American History	14	None
341	Civics (American Government)	12	None
361	Economics	10	None
c. Mathematics:			
411	Arithmetic	9	None
431	Algebra	10	411
441	Geometry	10	431
451	Trigonometry	10	441
461	Analytic geometry	8	451
471	Calculus	10	451
d. Science:			
511	General Science (nonlaboratory)	9	None
521	Physics (nonlaboratory)	11	None
531	Inorganic chemistry (nonlaboratory)	12	None
e. Business:			
611	Typewriting (use of typewriter essential)	15	None
621	Shorthand, Gregg	14	None
622	Shorthand, Gregg advanced	12	621
631	Bookkeeping and accounting	21	None
632	Cost accounting	12	631
633	Advanced accounting	19	632
651	Railroad rate clerk	20	None
652	Traffic management	13	651
f. Mechanical:			
711	Steam engineering	19	921
721	Refrigeration, part 1	12	411
722	Refrigeration, part 2	14	721
723	Air conditioning	8	411
731	Automobiles	12	None
732	Automobile repairing	15	731
733	Automobile electric technician	15	None
734	Diesel engines	19	411
741	Aviation engines	14	411
742	Airplane maintenance	14	411
751	Marine Engineering Preparatory	6	411
752	Marine boilers	16	751
753	Marine engines	12	751
754	Marine equipment	8	751
771	Plumbing	19	411
772	Steam fitting	10	411
773	Heating	19	411
791	Machine Shop Practice	16	411
792	Gas welding	15	411
701	Mechanical Engineering	17	921
7X1	Mechanical Drawing (use of drawing instruments essential)	18	411
7X2	Advanced mechanical drawing (use of drawing instruments essential)	17	7X1
7X3	Plumbing drawing (use of drawing instruments essential)	12	411
7X4	Heating drawing (use of drawing instruments essential)	13	411
7X5	Machine design	15	None
g. Electrical:			
811	Elementary electricity	15	451
812	Industrial electricity	9	811
813	Electrical illumination	14	411
814	Preparatory course for radio, telephony, and telegraphy	9	411
821	Radio operating, part 1	22	814
822	Radio operating, part 2	18	821
823	Radio operating, part 3	12	822
831	Basic telegraphy and telephony	9	814
832	Commercial telegraph operating	14	831
833	Practical telephony	12	831
892	Electric welding	16	411
h. Civil and Architectural:			
911	Surveying and mapping	23	451 and 7X1
921	Engineering mechanics	9	451
931	Structural engineering	11	7X1 and 921
941	Water works and sewage plant operation	13	411
951	Carpentry	18	411

Note: Enrol by course number and name. Where a course number is given under the head "prerequisite", it is meant that this is an advanced course and the student should first take the course or courses listed as a prerequisite. For instance, you will find under BUSINESS the following listing:—"652 Traffic Management 13 651". The number "651" in the "Prerequisite" column means that the student should first take course No. 651 which is Railroad Rate Clerk. However, when a student can show definite proof of having the experience and training to take the more advanced course successfully, the Commandant of the Institute may excuse him from taking the course or courses listed as "prerequisite".

ENROLMENT is easy and simple. Secure an Army Institute enrolment application blank, select your course, fill in the blank, have it approved by your organization Commanding Officer, attach your remittance of $2.00 and mail to the Commandant Army Institute, Madison, Wisconsin. First lessons will be sent to you immediately upon acceptance of the application and you may begin your studies at once. After you are enrolled, all correspondence is directly between you as a student and the Army Institute.

Ask your Special Service Officer or Librarian for an enrolment application blank, and full information. Or you may write direct to the Commandant, Army Institute, Madison, Wisconsin, in case blanks are not readily available in your post or station.

The Blank below is for your convenience

The Commandant, ARMY INSTITUTE, Madison, Wisconsin.

I am interested in the course of study listed below. Please send me an application blank, and full information.

.....
(Name of Course)

My name and address are:

Name.....

Address.....

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MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

AUGUST 8 and 9

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT — Pat O'Brien, Glenn Ford and Evelyn Keys. Also Short Subjects.

August 11 and 12

ATLANTIC CONVOY—John Beal and Virginia Fields. Also Short Subjects.

August 13 and 14

THE INVADERS—Laurence Olivier, Leslie Howard and Raymond Massey. Also Short Subjects.

Dr. John E. Baker Gives Interesting Talk on China

Through the cooperation of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations, the officers, nurses, and men of the command were privileged to hear a very informative talk on "China at War" delivered in the Post Theatre on Friday afternoon by Dr. John Earl Baker.

Dr. Baker's long association with things Chinese finds him well qualified to speak about the "Middle Kingdom" as their country is known to our Chinese allies. He went to China in 1916 and for fifteen years he served as advisor to the Chinese Government Railways. He later served four years as Advisor to the Minister of Finance and has given freely of his services in an executive capacity with the China International Famine Relief Commission. His last office was that of Inspector General for the Burma Road in 1940 and 1941 so that his knowledge of conditions in that country is right up to date.

Fair Warning on Danger Arising From Forest Fires

Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, has called for the greatest alertness and the utmost in precautions in guarding against forest fires, pointing out that such fires damage not only forests, but may cause injury to other property, facilities, and installations.

He also called attention to the fact that, in addition to the penalties provided by State and Federal laws designed to prevent forest fires, a person willfully causing a forest fire may subject himself to the punishment imposed by the Sabotage Act, the maximum penalty thereunder being a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than thirty years, or both.

Congratulations

The congratulations of the command are extended to Major Hubert A. Stecker, Post Quartermaster, on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and to Lieut. Raymond M. Kay, Officer in Charge of Ward N-1, on his promotion to Captain, Medical Corps.

Serve in Silence

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

GOOD CONDUCT

It is a matter of genuine regret that misconduct on the part of military personnel while travelling on public conveyances has assumed such proportions as to draw a warning from the War Department.

The average soldier takes pride in his appearance, values membership in his organization, and early in his career assumes the carriage of one who is entitled to be called a defender of his country. The uniform sets him apart from the rest of men and he rightfully shares the achievements of his companions at arms.

It is the unusual soldier who cannot be described as above. To him the uniform is something which conceals his personal identity. It is a cloak conferring anonymity and an incentive to indulge his suppressed propensities. The unusual always attracts attention and the soldier in uniform who misbehaves himself in public never fails to be observed.

Young men in groups, whether soldier or civilian, are prone to play pranks on one another. These are readily tolerated when not enjoyed by people in the immediate vicinity. But it is something else again when a soldier or a group of soldiers give an exhibition of conduct that is annoying or offensive.

It is to the credit of the Letterman General Hospital that no reports of misconduct on the part of its personnel have been received to date and that is a distinction we wish to maintain.

Each soldier leaving here on a mission has the reputation of this organization in his keeping. He is expected to return with its name unsullied and up to now he has not failed.

Let's keep the record "excellent."



Miss **Edna Rockefellow**, Captain and Asst. Superintendent, was a patient on Ward "P" for a few days prior to her transfer to O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

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Misses **Ida Thompson, Emily Eskuche,** and **Claire Osborne** have left us for duty at Camp Stoneman. That is the same post where several of our staff attended a pleasant gathering at the new Recreation Hall on Monday evening.

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Mrs. **Elizabeth Trueholtz,** Chief Nurse, giving a splendid example to the younger members of the staff by increasing her monthly allotment for War Bonds.

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Three additions to our set have arrived during the past week and we extend a warm welcome.

Miss **Betty Strable** was born in Saginaw, Michigan, attended the Saginaw High School, and took her professional training at the Mercy College of Nursing in Detroit, Michigan. After graduation in August, 1941, she devoted her time to general duty at Saginaw until joining the Army Nurse Corps in June, 1942.

Miss **Blanche Diggs** was born in Bay City, Texas, went to high school in Columbus, Mississippi, and took her nurses training at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, graduating in 1932. She has done general nursing at the Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Herman Kiefer and Receiving Hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, following her induction into the Army Nurse Corps in April of this year.

Miss **Rosemary Perry** was born in El Paso, Texas, but traveled far north to attend high school in Camas, Washington. After spending some years in these two extremes, she chose a middle course, and took her professional training at the Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland, California. Since graduating in 1939 she has done private nursing around the bay area.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. **Harry A. Ferguson,** formerly of the Sgt. Major's Office, and now at Camp Robinson, here for a visit with his old friends.

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The loud crash on Saturday afternoon last left a pole prostrate but the porte cochere still stands. Getting too close for comfort does things like that even to a stancion.

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Captain **Frank R. Day,** the Adjutant, anticipating a hot trip to the Ozarks but ready for it with cotton uniforms.

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Pfc. **Charles J. Foisy,** patient on D-1, complaining about the noise and making more noise with his complaint that the noise he complained about.

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Miss **Betty O'Connor,** long time assistant to the P. X. Cashier, leaving for a defense job in San Mateo and we will miss her practical demonstrations of slow motion.

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Major **Joseph McGuinness** and Major **Ray Allison** in conference on the boot black stand while getting a shoe shine. Wonder if it was the one Ray told us earlier in the week.

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Capt. **Thomas Broderick** back from a trip to the hinterland and giving a solemn promise never to speak of our fog again in disparaging terms.

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Capt. **Douglas Throwell** giving a description of a zoot suit and with gestures.

It's a Boy at the Gordon Langsdorfs

Cigars were being passed around by the proud father in token of the arrival of Robert Gordon, at the Peralta Hospital in Oakland on Wednesday of this week, as in addition to the family of Captain and Mrs. Gordon C. Langsdorf.

In reporting the weight of the new arrival at seven pounds, eleven ounces, the captain asked us to be especially careful not to give the infant's weight as eleven pounds, seven ounces. But anyway you look at it, the seven and eleven make a lucky combination for the Langsdorfs.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 9, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Command is extended to Major Samuel G. Peck, M. C., on the death of his mother which occurred on Friday of last week.

Time Limit Waived For Qualified Men To O. C. Schools

Soldiers who, in the opinions of their immediate commanders, are qualified to become officers, may be selected and ordered to Officer Candidate Schools immediately, regardless of length of service, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Corps Area, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Unusual opportunities await soldiers who can qualify for the schools of the Corps of Engineers and Chemical Warfare Service. All commanders have been instructed to report all men of their commands qualified to attend these schools.

Education, experience, prior service, and current state of training will be the basis of selection. Emphasis will be placed on demonstrated leadership ability, as in the past. Heretofore a minimum of three months' enlisted service was required of officer candidates regardless of qualifications.

More than 400 candidates have been sent to Officer Candidate Schools from the Ninth Corps Area since July 1. Of these, the Signal Corps received 130, Infantry School 102, Medical Administrative Corps 50, Quartermaster Corps 41, and Chemical Warfare Service 14. Smaller numbers were sent to Ordnance, Engineer, Finance, and other schools.

In 1642 the first ropewalk for the production of ropes and lines was opened at Boston.

ON THE SPOT



S/Sgt. WILBUR K. SELVEY

As Staff Sergeant Wilbur K. Selvey puts it, he comes from "Lapland." He is attached to the Special Service Schools, Letterman Hospital, though a patient on Ward D-1 at the present time, and his "Lapland" is that part of the Ozark mountains in Missouri which lap over into the hill-billy land of Arkansas. He was born in Marionville, Missouri, October 22, 1911. a small town in the southern part of the state near Springfield, but as a boy moved with his family to the neighborhood of Del Norte, Colorado, where he lived on a ranch.

Since his high school years Selvey has had the desire to study medicine, and has spent several years getting a general education in that field. After attending high school in Del Norte, he came down to Berkeley to attend college. With one year premedics completed, his finances at the zero mark, and with little hope of employment to see him through the rest of his medical course, he decided to return to Colorado and try his hand at mining. So, for four years he searched for that highly desirable and elusive yellow metal—gold—in an effort to continue his schooling, However, those were lean years for miners in that part of the country and Selvey decided to try his luck in another part of the world. He chose Alaska, and with more success. Until the winter of 1940 he spent his summers in Alaska around Chichacoff, which, is about 50 miles southwest of Sitka in the heart of the big game country, hardrock mining for gold, and his winters in school at Berkeley or bell-hopping in hotels, waiting tables or bartending in an effort to tide himself through.

In 1940, January 5th to be exact, Selvey decided to join the Army for duty in the Medical Corps at Letterman. This he did while he was in Los Angeles and arrived at Letterman on January 11th for duty. He was assigned to the Special Service Schools which were being organized at that time and has remained there since.

He was upped from Private First Class to Sergeant in December, 1940, and acquired the rank of Staff Sergeant in April, 1942. At present his title at the Special Service School is Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Laboratory School.

DIMOUT FOR THE DURATION IS THE DICTUM OF DEFENSE COMMANDER

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt has ordered all types of lighting extinguished or controlled along the entire Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico, as far inland in some places as 150 miles, for the duration of the war. The proclamation announced today becomes effective August 20.

The order, issued by the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army under Public Proclamation No. 10, was directed to the residents of California, Oregon, and Washington and set up a zone of restricted lighting in those three states.

The Civilian Defense Board of the Ninth Regional Office of Civilian Defense is designated in the proclamation as the primary agency to aid in the enforcement of the provisions of the order. Civil law enforcement agencies of the three coastal states are requested to assist the Civilian Defense Board in this enforcement.

The proclamation is aimed at controlling lighting which throws beams upward or is visible from the ocean in the newly established Zone of Restricted Lighting. It is designed to protect the movement of vessels along the coast from the prying periscopes of enemy submarines, and to obscure target areas caused by bright sky reflections from cities as far inland as Sacramento and Fresno, as well as other metropolitan areas such as San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. The present illumination from these cities, under proper conditions, is visible as far as 150 miles at sea.

"Dim out practices as now in effect under the orders of the Office of Civilian Defense, have accomplished a great deal in cutting down the light visible at sea," General DeWitt said, "but it is necessary that the pattern be better balanced and that it obscures target areas over a larger area.

"Pacific Coast ships are subject to considerable danger, the result of shore lights. These tend to silhouette the vessels. Enemy submarines, lurking off shore, have but little trouble picking up ships traveling under such conditions."

The regulations wll also cut down the overhead reflections from the larger cities along the coast. Under the proper conditions, such as overhanging clouds or fogs, areas like Los Angeles have a high concentration of light and throw an "umbrella" visible for many miles at sea.

The Proclamation, as issued by General DeWitt, covers signs, commercial flood lighting, display lighting and amusement places; ground areas and industrial illumination; traffic signals and signs; navigation lights and railroad signals; street and highway light, residential, commercial and industrial windows and necessary industrial fires.

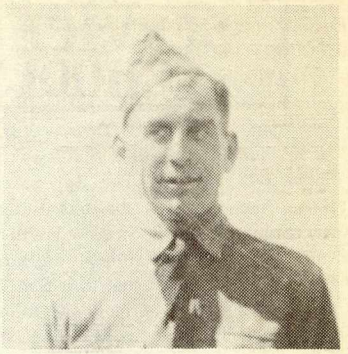
Illuminated signs and ornamental lighting of every description which are visible out of doors, and floodlighting which illuminates buildings or signs including but not limited to all exterior advertising signs, billboards, display lighting, theatre marquee signs, building outline lighting, and interior signs and ornamental lighting immediately within unobscured window areas, shall be extinguished, the Proclamation states. This is not intended to prohibit ordinary store show-window lighting of normal intensity, if not visible from the sea and if no light is emitted upward.

Illumination on all outdoor ground areas, including automobile service station yards, outdoor parking areas, recreation areas, and entrances to buildings, shall not exceed one foot candle at any point, and all outdoor light sources shall be so shielded that no light is emitted upwards. All light sources for industrial and protective purposes and light from essential industrial processes, shall be shielded or revised to as great an extent as may be practicable in order to eliminate or reduce to a minimum the amount of light which is emitted upward.

All illuminated signs or signals which are authorized or maintained by governmental authority for the purpose of controlling street or high-

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. FREDERICK R. PERDUE

Private Frederick R. Perdue comes from Glenmont, Ohio and was born in that community 36 years ago on February 6th. And with the exception of a few years spent at work in the steel mills and machine shops in the neighboring cities of Columbus and Cleveland he has spent his entire life farming around Glenmont.

On March 4th, 1942 Perdue turned the handling of the farm which he owns with his brother over to the care of his brother, packed his suitcase and journeyed to Millersburg, Ohio for induction. When asked if he didn't wish a deferrment because of the farm work he merely stated that his brother could handle the 210 acre farm very well . . . he had a job to do with Uncle Sam.

He was sent to the Medical Replacement Center at Camp Barkeley, Texas and then to Letterman Hospital for duty after he had completed the required three month training at Camp Barkeley. He is on duty at the present time in the baggage room.

As is often the case with successful farmers true values are more keenly appreciated and plain common sense very often a characteristic of their make-up. And Pvt. Perdue is no exception. His idea that a job worth doing is worth doing well applies to the duties of a soldier as well as a civilian. And the eternal "gold-brick" is merely a subject of contempt with Perdue when being discussed. If a job takes a little extra sweat and effort to accomplish, well that's alright too, but get it done. And if someone needs a little help in finishing his work, "well I have two hands and a head and certainly won't hurt myself by using them to see the job through."

The rubber in a washing machine would make gas masks for three U. S. soldiers.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

S/Sgt. Howard B. Dow, returned from detached service this week, reported a fine trip. The Sgt. stopped home on the way back and spent a couple of days visiting with his mother and old friends, and, incidentally, we hear that the Sgt. will be leaving for Officers' Candidate School soon, and we all hope that this rumor is true.

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Once again two new instructors have been added to the Surgical Section. They are Private Robert M. Taliaferro and Private Lawrence F. Miller. It seems as if every time we get a couple of good instructors broken in, someone sends them off to Officers' School, so we are keeping our fingers crossed this time.

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Congratulations to the following men promoted: Robert J. Ransom from Tech. 4th Grade to Staff Sergeant; Robert G. Carroll and Harvey Hablitzel from Corporals to Technicians 4th Grade; Wendell K. Waite and James R. Winkleman from Technicians 5th Grade to Technicians 4th Grade; Edwin F. Lanceit from Private First Class to Corporal; John P. Shea, George Hoppel and Donald Farling from Privates to Corporals; Harris L. Hitt, Francis Rowlands, William Vandewater, Verner A. Wertsch from Privates to Technicians 5th Grade; John Hallowell, Dudley P. Cook, Henry O. Pezzella, Daniel Mahoney, Jr., Thomas B. Winborne from Privates to Privates First Class.

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The Detachment welcomes the following men who have been assigned to duty at the Special Service School: Privates Jason Hervin, Maurice Dietz, Lawrence Miller, Robert Taliaferro, Eugene Beals, Ewell Bessent, and George Choate, and also Private First Class Frank Bonura who was transferred from the Hospital, where he has been working in the Pharmacy, to assume instructorial duties here in the Pharmacy School.

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A double surprise and pleasure was enjoyed by Robert G. Carroll last week when he was informed that his application for Officer Candidate School was not only accepted, but that he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Postal Department of the Adjutant's Office of the Army of the United States. The ironical twist of the surprise was that the wire of announcement arrived before he had been promoted to Sergeant. This is the first time that we have heard of a Second Lieut. being promoted to a Sergeant. All in all, it was a field day, as he pitched the FIRST "no-hit-no-run" game for the Letterman Soft Ball Team that day. The Detachment offers the new Lieutenant congratulations and the very best of luck in the future.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOSEPH JONES MAKES GOOD ON ANY JOB ASSIGNED



JOSEPH JONES
Technical Sergeant, Medical Department
Assistant to the Mess Officer, Letterman General Hospital

Recently appointed Technical Sergeant Joseph Jones has a service record which stretches intermittently well back into World War I and marks him as one of the few remaining "old-timers" left at Letterman.

His military record was begun at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1917 when he enlisted with the 103rd Engineers, 28th Keystone Division. He trained at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia and then embarked for France in April, 1918. And when his outfit first made contact with the enemy at Chateau-Thierry in June, 1918 it was the beginning of action for Jones which continued unbroken through five major campaigns. They were: Chatteau-Thierry in June, Fismes in August, Meuse-Argonne in September, Thiacourt in October and the Metz Woods in November of 1918. Sgt. Jones emerged from all this without a scratch.

Jones returned to this country in 1919 and once again resumed life as a civilian. This civilian status he retained until 1925 at which time he enlisted at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. In 1927 he effected a transfer to Fort Lewis, Washington. where he remained until his discharge in 1928 and subsequent reenlistment at Fort Warden, Washington for foreign duty in the Philippines. He remained in the Islands on duty at Sternberg General Hospital until 1931 as a X-ray technician. The years 1931 to 1934 found him at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Alcatraz and Hamilton Field, California doing special construction work at these posts. And on August 20, 1934 he transferred to Letterman Hospital where he has remained to date.

During his tour of duty at Letterman, T/Sgt. Jones has been NCO in charge of the contagious ward of the hospital, he has also seen duty in the X-ray section of the hospital, and is at present assisting the Non-Commissioned Mess Officer.

Jones was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1898 and moved to Girardville, Pennsylvania as a boy where he lived until his first enlistment in the Army. During the brief periods that have found him Mr. Jones, he has made his way in the world as a salesman with electric companies—both telephone and electrical appliance saleswork. He married Miss Grace Elizabeth Peacock of Providence, Rhode Island in March 1938.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Andre R. Pascale, James L. Gleeson, Robert L. Mathers, and Albert G. Yaverbaum, appointed Sergeants.

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Welcome is extended Privates Herman J. Hai, Neal F. Martin and Reuben J. Eberhardt who were recently assigned to this detachment for duty.

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The latest members of the Detachment to receive orders for Officers' Candiate School are Sergeants Oscar R. Madsen, Andre R. Pascal and James L. Gleeson. They will report August 8th at the Infantry Officers' Candidate School are Sergeants quired 90 day training course prior to appointment as 2nd Lieutenants in the Infantry. Good luck, fellows, from the LGH detachment.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Robbins out walking a brand new addition to the Robbins' household—a Cocker Spaniel puppy.

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That the rumor of a marriage for Cpl. Matt Jarvi, Jr. in the near future continues to grow. Jarvi says he has money that says he will **not** marry.

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There were wedding bells for Pvt. Leonard Johnson. Was it our Leonard Johnson?

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Cpl/T Civilian Couch nursing a bad case of "loveitis" since his return from Salt Lake.

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Sgt. Rosylen H. Morey being built up for a dinner date with something lovely and blond—finally getting the dinner date and then losing the date right after dinner—no justice, is there, Morey?

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1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams nursing scratches and teeth marks on the back of his hand. Sgt. Williams claims that the cat "dood" it!

Girls! Know Your Colors and You'll Know Your Men

The Army Information Bureau lists colors of piping on overseas caps of service men indicating branches of service as follows:

Air Corps: Ultramarine blue with golden orange.

Cavalry: Yellow.

Chemical Warfare: Cobalt blue with golden yellow.

Coast Artillery: Scarlett.

Corps of Engineers: Scarlet with white.

Detached Enlisted Men: Green.

Field Artillery: Scarlet.

Finance Department Silver gray with golden yellow.

Infantry: Light blue.

Medical Department: Maroon with white.

Military Police: Yellow with green.

National Guard Bureau: Dark blue with scarlet.

Ordnance Department: Crimson with yellow.

Quartermaster Corps: Buff.

Signal Corps: Orange with white.



The Stork Was Here

To Mrs. Carmelina Hale, a son, William Orson Hale, Jr., born July 29, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

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To M/Sgt. and Mrs. J. E. DeRoche, Hq. 6th CA, a son, Joseph Benjamin DeRoche, born July 29, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

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To T/Sgt. and Mrs. L. M. Gubler, 37th School Squadron, AAF, a daughter, Barbara Gene Gubler, born July 31, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

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To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. G. C. Harrington, Army Band, Army War College, Washington, D. C., a son, George Clifford Harrington, Jr., born August 1, weight six pounds, five ounces.

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To T/Sgt. and Mrs. G. T. Carpenter, AAF, a daughter, Jacqueline Carpenter, born August 2, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

Serve in Silence



ELIZABETH G. KLEIN
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) Army Nurse Corps

Formerly a member of the nursing staff of Letterman Hospital and now Chief Nurse for one of the Hospital Trains in use within the continental limits of the United States.

SUPER SALESMAN SAYS SOLDIERS SHOULD 'SELL' THEMSELVES

You can use "sizzlemanship" in your Army routine, says Elmer Wheeler according to an article in the August issue of Coronet magazine. Touch up your technique in date-getting, debt collecting and generally meeting the problems of soldiery by using the tips from Wheeler, super-salesman who has thought up selling slogans for practically everything and is now turning his word-coining talents to battle.

If you're looking for a date in a foreign land, don't let it bother you that the senorita or the colleen can't understand your slick technique. You can sell her an evening's-worth with just a pleasant smile and the right look in your eyes, says Coronet. "There are times when a simple gesture is far more effective than a number of magic words."

Other tested Wheelerpoints for us men in Khaki:

How do you handle the cigarette moocher? Next time he asks, ask him: "Mind letting me have a quarter, Joe?" This, of course, is putting the conditioned reflex to work for you. What do you say to the fellow soldier who owes you money and forgets to pay it back? Honest but forgetful. You say: "Lo I owe you any money, Jim?"

The best way to handle an officer whose rank you aren't certain of, says Elmer, is to give him the highest reasonable title. If you're not sure whether he's a lieutenant or a captain, say "Good evening, Captain." No one ever got into trouble by raising someone's rank verbally. But you're in for it if you de-rank him.

But breathes there a soldier who, by this time, doesn't know his bars and stars and can't tell an officer from a hundred yards away?

—Coronet Magazine

Army Air Force Veterans Receive Decorations

At a ceremony held in the headquarters of the Fourth Air Force this week, the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart was conferred on seven veterans of the Air Force who were present for duty at Hickam Field on the morning of December 7th last.

Brigadier General Barney M. Giles, Commanding General, made a brief talk to the assemblage before pinning the medals on the officers and men who were honored.

Those receiving the medals were: 1st Lieut. Walter S. Smith, 2nd Lieut. Joseph C. Moore, 2nd Lieut. Marston Reed, 2nd Lieut. Russell O. McKray, Sergeant Raymond Mayo, Corporal Ben Odette, and Private First Class Garrett C. Tyre.

The Order of the Purple Heart was created by General George Washington to be awarded to officers and men of the army for meritorious services.

Corporal Ben Odette was formerly a patient at Letterman Hospital and is now living at Napa.

LESS THAN 300 DAYS TO SHAPE COURSE OF WORLD

"In less than 300 days the working men and women of America will shape the course of the world."

So begins an appeal by Major General Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army's Services of Supply, to employes in war industries to "put your shoulders to the wheels of production and the ships, the guns, the tanks and the planes will roll out." We quote:

"We of America are fighting for a way of life that means freedom for all men. The Axis powers are fighting for slavery and degredation of men.

"To win this war, to assure our freedom, America must be made ready this year.

"We must have guns and tanks and planes and all the other equipment for our fighting men in less than 300 days.

"That is your job. In what is left of this year you men and women of American labor will determine whether freedom or slavery will win. in the world today. You can do it."

"It is a big job—the biggest job

Serve in Silence

Bob Carroll Makes Roll of Honor for Softball Players

At Redwood City a week ago the Letterman softball team really hit their stride when they defeated the S & W team of that city by a score of 4 to 0. Bobby Carroll, the Letterman pitcher, accomplished the difficult feat of hurling a no-hit, no-run game. He is the third pitcher to achieve this record in San Francisco during the current season.

Timely hitting by Carroll and Craig in the fourth inning followed by a double by Larry Evans scored three runs for the Letterman team.

After the ball game the entire squad of 18 men were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silverman of San Francisco. The Silverman's have always been loyal rooters and have missed but a few games through the season.

LETTERMAN

	AB	H	R
DeMello, C	4	0	0
Giovanetti, SS	4	1	0
White, CF	3	1	1
Leyrer, 3B	2	0	1
Fogle, 1B	2	1	1
Evans, LF	3	1	1
Craig, 2B	3	1	0
West, RF	3	0	0
Gaynes, SF	3	1	0
Carroll, P	2	1	0
Totals	29	7	4

S & W

	AB	H	R
Detoli, 1B	3	0	0
Doyle, 2B	3	0	0
Goss, SF	2	0	0
Madrid, SS	1	0	0
Spurgeon, 3B	3	0	0
Pluf, LF	2	0	0
Day, C	2	0	0
O'Malley, RF	2	0	0
Salberg, CF	2	0	0
Woolfit, P	2	0	0
Totals	22	0	0

Score by innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Letterman	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4
S & W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A Word to the Wise

A Private named Peter McBent,
Chopped a tree too close to his tent,
A plane in the sky
Dropped a bomb on this guy,
And dented the tent and McBent.

Moral: Don't cut natural material near your position.

Serve in Silence

Army Jaundice Rate Goes Down

The Journal of the American Medical Association announced today that the incidence of jaundice among army men was decreasing and predicted total discontinuance of new cases soon.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on July 24 reported that there were 28,585 cases of jaundice among army personnel during the first six months of this year. Sixty-two deaths, or one for every 641 cases, were reported from January 1 to July 4. The jaundice apparently resulted from inoculation against yellow fever, he said.

DIMOUT IS DICTUM

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way traffic shall remain in operation, but shall be so shielded that no light is emitted upward. Authorized lights to facilitate air or water navigation, and authorized railroad signal lights, are excepted from all the provisions of the Proclamation.

Street and highway lights in areas which are normally visible from the sea shall be so shielded that they are not visible from the sea at night and so that no light is emitted upward. It is contemplated that street and highway lights in other areas within the Zone of Restricted Lighting shall be governed and controlled by such subsequent orders or proclamations as the exigencies of military necessity may determine.

No lighting shall be permitted behind windows or glazed doors visible from the sea unless they are covered by drapes or shades.

No vehicle shall operate during the night hours between sunset and sunrise within areas of travel visible from the sea, with more than two lighted driving lamps, regardless of the direction of travel. Each such lamp shall provide a maximum of not more than 250 beam candlepower.

The Proclamation does not restrict the use of normal rear lights, including tail lights, stop lights, and license plate lights. Neither are clearance lights restricted on commercial vehicles that are normally required by law to be so equipped.

All light from industrial processes, and from industrial fires, such as lights from kilns, refuse burners, and furnaces, which are visible from the sea at night, and so that no light is emitted upward. Except for traffic signals and navigation and railroad signal lights, considered separately, the Proclamation prohibits all other lights visible from the sea at night including light from fires, bonfires, parked cars, flashlights and lanterns.

That Hole Is Just Another Hole

Investigation of the activity at the west end of the Administration Building discloses the fact there is less to it than meets the eye.

What appeared to be a "drive down" led to the rumor a rathskeller was under construction, and some of the older officers who are familiar with such gathering places in the east were observed to light up at the prospect of long cooling draughts on the warmer days ahead. Since the sugar content was lowered in the "coke" drinks, a potion containing hops or a reasonable facsimile thereof naturally makes a strong appeal.

That day dream was banished by an authoritative statement from the Post Engineer explaining his men are merely on the trail of termites.

WEDDING BELLS

The old adage about love laughing at locksmiths should be brought up to date with wording to the effect that distance is no longer a barrier when the darts of Dan Cupid find a target.

On three different occasions during the past year the wedding plans of Private Richard G. Robejsek had to be postponed due to the current emergency but he finally landed at the Special Service Schools attached to Letterman Hospital and he could arrange for the oft deferred ceremony.

His fiancee, Miss Margaret Ann Riha, was awaiting for the word back in Cleveland, Ohio, and she made the twenty five hundred mile journey in good time.

On Saturday afternoon at the Post Chapel Private Robejsek and Miss Riha became Mr. and Mrs. Robejsek in the presence of Staff Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn and Miss Rosaleen V. Kelly, of the Army Nurse Corps.

The honeymoon was spent in San Francisco.

The largest airplane propeller type in the world has been designed by an airplane manufacturer for installation on a new flying boat of the United States Navy.

Our Keglers Are Now Feeling All Right Again

The Letterman bowling team dropped one place in the 875 tournament play when they again lost a two-out-of-three game series to Fielding Hotel on the Downtown bowling lanes. The hotel team was spotted a 144 pin handicap but did not need it with an easy win of a 2580 pin score for the Medics.

Sgt. Mottier who in the past has bowled a consistently high over-the-500 mark score slumped badly with a 423 total. Sgt. Kuntz was high man for Letterman with 555 out of a possible 900—his second game of 212 high individual score for the medics. Sgt. Yohe was second high man for Letterman with 523 pins bowled.

FIELDING HOTEL

Jacobson	151	163	154	468
Franklin	190	214	179	593
Billingsley	126	200	161	487
Halliday	169	185	143	497
Gustofson	215	146	184	545
	851	908	821	2580

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Mottier	153	131	139	423
Marano	183	158	138	479
Shamrock	199	137	164	500
Yohe	198	170	155	523
Kuntz	189	212	154	555
	922	808	750	2480

LIBERTY LIMERICKS



Said a tailor named Mr. I. Pressem,
"Our soldiers need backing, God bless 'em—
And I've bought, for their sake,
All the Bonds I can take;
Yes, I'm proud and I'm glad to possess 'em!"

THE FOG HORN

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THE FOGHORN COMPLETES ONE YEAR OF SERVICE AT LGH

Anniversaries bring varied emotions to each of us depending on the event that is being celebrated and the effect it has upon us. To some the response is one of joy, pride of accomplishment and the feeling of having contributed to the happiness and well being of ohers. To some the reaction is one of depression and a sense of frustration over time and effort wasted. The Fog Horn rates the former.

The first anniversary of any event is of particular importance and a rather momentous occasion. There can be only one first even though many mile stones may be passed and natal days come and go.

The Fog Horn has earned a service ribbon. It was sworn in prior to the outbreak of war. To be sure, the clouds were gathering and the outlook was ominous, but life in America at large and at Letterman General Hospital was not really geared to war. In the early issues of the Fog Horn no doubt the Editor and his staff had some difficulty at imes his staff had some difficulty at times the paper.

America at that time was not sufficiently aroused to its danger. Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor, Wake and Midway Islands were names which conjured up images of places where one might be sent, for duty and service to be sure, but in surroundings that held a sentimental lure and fascination in which a sense of romance, pleasure and relaxation prevailed rather than the stark reality of war.

Even as recently as a year ago when the Fog Horn first appeared, our Country was in a state of apathy something akin to, although, thank

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Congratulations to the FOGHORN on this first anniversary of its service to this command. May there be many happy returns of the day and each successive anniversary witnessing greater usefulness to the personnel of Letterman General Hospital.

FRANK W. WEED
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY TURNS FROM LAND TO SEA POWER PRODUCTION

An ever-swelling stream of marine equipment for the United States, British and Russian Navies is pouring forth from the automotive industry.

Super-marine engines, each developing more than 1,300 horsepower, have been rolling off one company's assembly lines for the past three years. Refined descendants of the famous Liberty engine, these units supply the power for the U. S. Navy's PT boats, the compact fighting craft possessing a battle complement of deadly torpedo tubes and a battery of anti-aircraft guns.

Since the first order, this company has doubled and redoubled production on these 12-cylinder V-type engines, to keep pace with expanded needs. One month ago, the Navy awarded is coveted "E" flag to this automotive firm and its employees for excellence of achievement in fulfilling contracts.

Another automotive company is making more than half the Diesel engines the U. S. Navy uses. This plant, which has been building Diesels for the U. S. Navy for the past nine years farms out work to 250 sub-contractors. Recently it undertook the construction of 10,000 ton cargo freighters, engaging four shipyards as sub-contractors on the job.

Meeting many needs of the Navy, one company is supplying variqus sizes of Diesel engines for propulsion or auxiliary power in destroyers, submarines, submarine chasers and escort vessels, mine layers, mine sweepers, landing boats, net tenders, seaplane tenders, fleet harbor tugs, coast guard cutters, lighthouse service, dock compressors and standby power generator sets.

Another automotive company has taken on a large sub-contract for marine engine parts. Connecting rods, engine blocks, crankcases, cylinder heads, etc., are being turned out in quantity and shipped to another automotive company for assembly into complete engines.

A former producer of motor car accessories is supplying windshield wipers for Navy vessels. Marine propellers are coming in quantity from a manufacturer whose peacetime

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You May Now Buy 'YANK' at Your Own Post Exchange

An order by the War Department permitting the sale of YANK, The Army Newspaper, in U. S. Army posts and stations within the continental limits of the U. S. is effective this week. Previously, the 24-page tabloid weekly was distributed only to men in foreign service.

First issue to go on sale in U. S. camps appeared in Army exchanges August 5th at the usual price of five cents a copy.

The Army Newspaper is staffed by enlisted men from practically every branch of the service. Managing Editor is T/Sgt. Bill Richardson, former Sunday editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, more lately of Mitchell Field. Other staffmen include S/Sgt. Douglas Borgstedt, Feature Editor and former Saturday Evening Post staffer, and S/Sgt. Harry Brown, Assistant Managing Editor, ex-New Yorker writer and one of the guiding lights of the Fort Belvoir Engineers' "Duckboard."

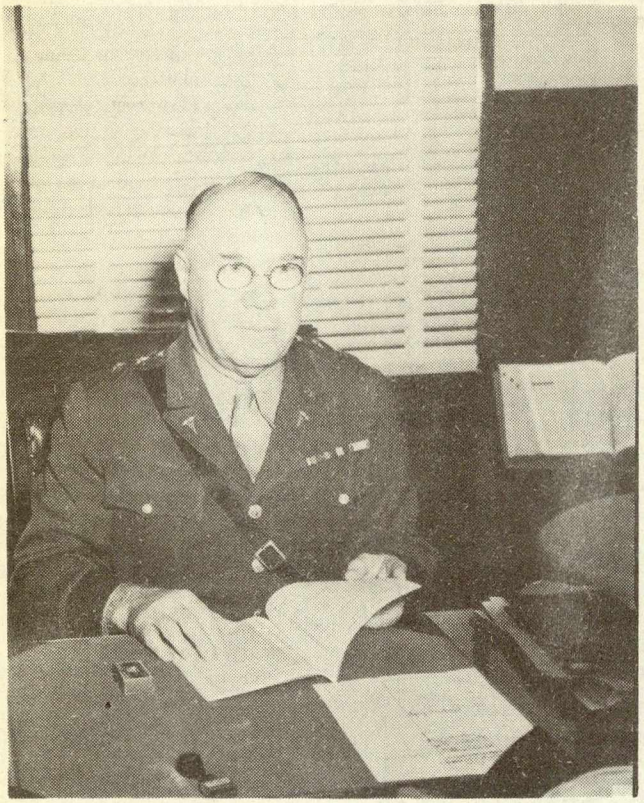
Many of the other YANK staffers were active in civilian publication fields or in Army Public Relations.

YANK'S correspondents go with U. S. troops to foreign posts for first-hand action reports. Whenever and wherever action breaks they will get the story straight and on the spot.

Features of The Army Newspaper include war news, home news, sports, entertainment, cartoons, feature articles, and many action photographs.

State income tax paid may be deducted in reporting income to the federal government.

SURGEON GENERAL AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS CONGRATULATE US



JAMES C. MAGEE
Major General, U. S. Army
The Surgeon General

My personal as well as official congratulations to the FOGHORN on the occasion of its completion of the first year of service to the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital.

May it have many more anniversaries with mounting success. The rewards of such unselfish services are measurable by the contentment and well being of the people served.

JAMES C. MAGEE
Major General, U. S. Army
The Surgeon General



WILLIAM RICHARD ARNOLD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Chaplains

I am happy to join with the Surgeon General in extending congratulations to the FOGHORN as it reaches the first year mark in its service to the patients of Letterman General Hospital.

I express the wish that the passing years will find it even a greater asset to that well organized hospital.

WILLIAM R. ARNOLD
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
The Chief of Chaplains

THE FOGHORN

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be to God, not as bad as France when Marshal Petain pronounced their requiem—"Our spirit of enjoyment was stronger than our spirit of sacrifice. We wanted to have more than we wanted to give. We tried to spare effort and met disaster."

December 7, 1941 and Pearl Harbor nationally did away with any feeling of complaisance and apathy that still lingered in the minds of true Americans.

Of course, the pages of the Fog Horn reflected in words and pictures the change that had come over America. Letterman General Hospital was now not only an Army Hospital but a military hospital in time of war. Stories of human interest, heroism and sacrifice became a part of the daily life at Letterman. The friendly items of local interest such as marriages, births, promotions, etc., that occured among the officers, nurses, Detachment Medical Department, Service School, Detachment of Patients; arrivals and departures of personnel, all assumed a new importance because of the drama and uncertainty of war.

The Fog Horn is an integral part of LGH and the appearance of each issue is looked forward to with interest and anticipation by all the hundreds of us who are at Letterman.

Most of us ordinary folks judge a paper or magazine not by its mat, or form, or make up, but as to whether or not we like it. We like the Fog Horn—it interests, pleases, amuses us and helps our morale.

Conceived in the minds of those who knew there was a place for it, born in peace, carrying on in war, we felicitate and salute the worthy editor and staff of the Letterman General Hospital Fog Horn on its First Anniversary . . . . . ESB

Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

So—You Want To Be an Editor of An Army Paper

The trials and tribulations of an Army post paper are well summed up by a writer in the New York World Telegram who puts the story in these words:

When Pvt. Joe Anybody joins the Army he keeps one civilian trait—he still likes to see his name in print.

Four hundred Army newspapers—ranging from typewritten handbills to ambitious journals—are keeping Private Anybody and his two million comrades posted on the goings on in their military "home towns."

Putting out a camp newspaper is a job to make a civilian publisher go quietly mad. The ordinary problems of publishing are multiplied many fold.

To begin with, the old "who, what, where, and when" basis of journalism must be revised and pruned. "Who" and "what" are right sometimes, but "where" and "when" are out most of the time. Pvt. Anybody might send a copy of the camp paper home, and proud Ma Anybody would probably show it to Mrs. Backfence, who would tell it to her bridge club. That means the whereabouts of the Upteenth Division on such and such a date might become common table talk in Berlin.

Getting news from the "brass hats" is tougher in the army too. In civilian life a reporter can sit on the edge of the Mayor's desk and say, in effect, "Listen, Fatty, what gives?" Corporal Reporter cannot do that to a camp "Mayor," in all probability a major general who is more than somewhat touchy about his rank.

Prior experience in tight rope walking or broken field running will be invaluable to any soldier who aspires to be an editor for any Army camp newspaper.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

AUGUST 15 and 16

THE LADY IS WILLING—Fred McMurray and Marlene Dietrich. Also Short Subjects.

AUGUST 18 and 19

THIS WAS PARIS—Ben Lyons and Ann Dvorak. Also Short Subjects.

AUGUST 20 and 21

THE REMARKABLE ANDREW—Brien Donlevy and Ellen Drew. Also Short Subjects.

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COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NINTH SERVICE COMMAND SENDS GREETINGS



KENYON A. JOYCE
Major General, U. S. Army

Best wishes for the success of the FOGHORN and greetings to the Commanding Officer and Staff of Letterman General Hospital.

KENYON A. JOYCE
Major General, U. S. Army

A Private Pledge For Public Good

On the eve of the Civil War a doctor, Benjamin Palmer, privately pledged his allegiance to his country. This was spoken in 1860, but the eloquence of his expression remains and today again, as we face a new danger, we may pause to repeat this doctor's love for America and share, more than eighty years later, his faith in and his love for our native land.

"Whatever be the fortunes of America, I accept them for my own. Born upon her soil of a father thus born before me, from an ancestry that occupied it while yet it was a part of England's possessions, she is in every sense my mother. I shall die upon her bosom. She shall know no peril, no conflict but it is my conflict, and no abyss of ruin into which I shall not share her fall. May the Lord God cover her head in her day of battle."—Journal of the Tennessee State Medical Assn.

Vice President Wallace has qualified as a driver of Army tanks. No former Vice President ever made so many efforts to find something to do.

Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

Dim-Out Document Ready for Public Distribution

Copies of Public Proclamation No. 10, issued by Lieut. General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, covering restricted lighting of Pacific Coast areas, are now available at 5,000 gasoline stations and garages in affected areas of California, Oregon and Washington, it was announced today.

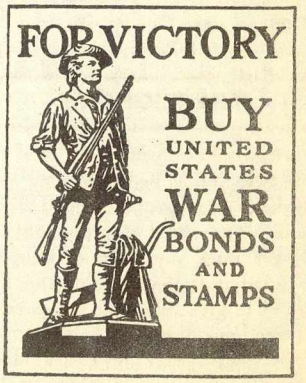
The availability was made possible by a coordinating committee of the gasoline industry, which handled the details of the distribution as part of the defense program.

Copies of the Proclamation give details of the areas affected by the restricted lighting regulations, and the types of lighting which must be restricted, in accordance with the ruling which becomes effective at 12:01 a. m. Thursday, August 20.

"It is suggested that all citizens in affected areas who operate lighting coming under provisions of the Proclamation obtain a copy of the document," Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, acting for General DeWitt, said.

The proclamation is aimed at controlling lighting which throws beams upward or is visible from the ocean in the established Zone of Restriced Lighting prescribed in the Proclamation.

The gasoline industry co-ordinating committee is composed of the following representatives of various oil companies who are supervising distribution in their respective areas: Ted Huggins, San Francisco, Northern California; Clarence S. Beesmyer, Los Angeles, Southern California; A. L. Horn, Jr., Portland, Oregon; and S. E. Stretton, Seattle, Washington.



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EDITORIAL

FIFTY-TWO WEEKS

With this issue the FOGHORN completes one year of duty at Letterman General Hospital and looks to the future with the hope of rendering even better service to the personnel of the command in the years that lie ahead.

Appearing on schedule week after week was made possible only by the loyal cooperation of the anonymous staff which gathers and prepares the material for publication. Normally it is a sort of compensation for the extra work involved to have the names of the members of the staff of an army paper appear under the masthead on the editorial page, but the group associated with the FOGHORN from its inception expressed the desire to escape personal publicity.



Up to the present time we have escaped libel suits, although we have been accused of indulging in flights of fancy without malice. No one has yet appeared at the door of the sanctum brandishing a horse whip but that may be due to the disappearance of the horse and buggy, hence no horse whips were at hand to spur an irate reader into direct action.

Suggestions for improving the paper will always receive consideration and contributions of a literary nature are welcome.

The support and encouragement of the Commanding General have made our work a joy and we aim to produce a paper that will reflect on his organization and prove to be of genuine service to the command.

Now for the second year.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Captain **Morton Meyer** explaining to the skeptical the veracity of certain claims to victory through air power.

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Pvts. **Ed Allen** and **Paul Boyer** sprucing up for a plane trip to Los Angeles and return the latter part of the week.

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Sergeant **Buford Folsom** happy over his pending change of station and the prospects for a little more chevrons in his new spot.

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Corporal **Albert Morrison**, equally capable whether on night or day duty on S-1.

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Miss **Minnie Black**, one of our Chief Nurses, applying to buy a bond as one of her first duties on joining the staff.

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Corp. and Mrs. **Gerold Gorby**, pausing for a mid morning cup of coffee at the Grill just like they did before they became Mr. and Mrs.

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Pvt. **Harold Glanders**, patient on D-1, always with a smile on tap for the passers by.

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Major **Samuel Peck** showing what the censor did to his V-mail letter from over there.

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Miss **Hazel Donelson**, Head O. T. aide, getting a warm welcome on her morning call at S-1. The patients do like to see her.

Wooden-soled shoes, designed to conserve war essential leather, are now being produced by a Midwestern shoe manufacturer. Hard maple and sugar pine are the woods used.

--See Chaplain Shuder For Bonds

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Our staff has been enhanced by the addition of Miss **Minnie Back**, Chief Nurse, who has reported for duty, and is warmly welcomed by all.

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Mrs. **Dorothea Daley Engle**, for merly of Bataan, has reported for duty at the Army & Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., where she is assistant to the Chief Nurse.

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Miss **Ressa Jenkins**, who has been resting at her home in Sevierville, Tenn., is due to report for duty at Walter Reed Hospital this week.

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Miss **Mary G. Lohr**, now a Chief Nurse at Walter Reed Hospital, will have her story in the October issue of the "Cosmopolitan" magazine.

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Comes word from J. B. Lippincott, publishers of Philadelphia, that Miss **Juanita Redmond** is now in New York working on her book to be brought out in the near future.

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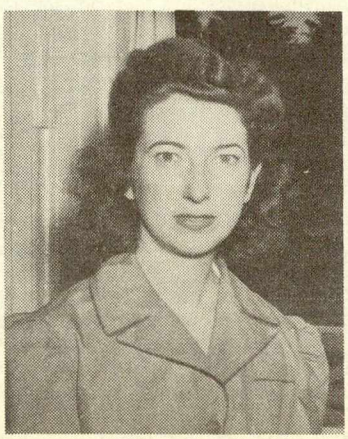
And a little bird whispers that Miss **Katherine Trask** has a poem about the fog that is cute. No, we have not read it—yet.

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Miss **Sabina Schmidt** is on duty in the office of the Chief Nurse these days and learning what a real job it is to administer an office of that kind.

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Miss **Mary McKenna** and the Chaplain of the same name are not relatives but the Irish never give up hope—and they might be.



Miss LOIS E. WILLIAMS
Chief of the Copy Desk

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, August 16, 1942

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

The regular Sunday evening services at 6:00 o'clock at the Recreation Center will have a special program in which the Pacific Chorus of San Francisco, under the very able direction of Professor Valdimar Jacobsen, will present forty-five minutes of choral music.

Chaplain Shuder extends a cordial invitation to all those interested in fine music to attend these services.

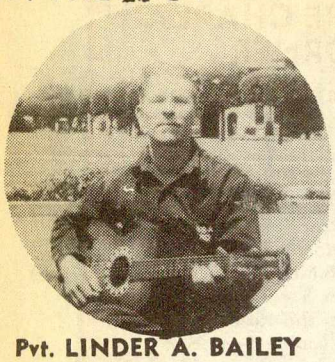
ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who **deserve** help, whenever and where ever such help is **needed.** Relief may be granted in the form of money, by loans, by aid in kind, including fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization, assistance in securing pensions, compensation, insurance and allotments and through information, consultant, placement and supervisory services. Soldiers or their dependents can ask for help at any Army post, camp or air field, or local Red Cross Chapter, where full information will be available. When applying dependents must give name, grade, serial number, organization, station or last mailing address of the soldier.

A chapter of the Army Emergency Relief is now functioning at this post and is prepared to act on all applications for such relief. Requests should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

FOUND: Lady's gold wrist watch near Letterman General Hospital on Thursday. Call R. Pope, SKyline 1221, Local 2068, Ward K-2.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. LINDER A. BAILEY

"If it is to be 'on the spot' for me," stated Pvt. Linder A. Bailey, patient on Ward B-2, "you had better just forget the photo—no sense in ruining the paper with this mug of mine."

Thirty-three year old jack of all trades Bailey has had an interesting life prior to his induction into the Army. Born in Church Station, Illinois he has lived in the south and mid-west all his life. He calls Golconda, Illinois home. An easy-going and friendly nature and with a bit of wanderlust in his blood, coupled with a love of out-door work have lead him to construction and farm jobs as his chief means of support in the past. He confides however that he probably has tried nearly everything else from railroad work to breaking horses, and can get by on almost any job.

"However, construction or farm work—that's the life," he says, "and if they are combined, so much the better.' "And in either case it's a matter of watching something grow from nothing to something important, whether it is a corn stalk or a bridge across the Mississippi river that is so interesting."

On June 15, 1942 Bailey left his home to join other draftees at Fort Sheridan, Illinois for induction.

After a few days duty at that North Chicago post he was sent to a Coast Artillery outfit on the Western Coast where he had remained until his hospitalization.

"It's a funny thing," he remarked, "but this darned wet climate out here has done something to my voice and I think the problem could be solved in a hurry with just a little bit of sunshine and heat . . . but then the Doctors must know what they are doing."

"Worse than not being able to talk is in not being able to sing. When you play a guitar or violin the way I do—you've got to sing to 'em to keep 'em in line."

MILITARY VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY THE THOUSANDS FOR WAR USE

Off the assembly lines by the thousands, motor vehicles in scores of forms have been rolling in a mounting flood to the nation's armed forces since the winter of 1939. Ranging from quarter-ton reconnaissance cars to 40-ton tank transporters, these vehicles represent the fulfillment of the automobile industry's first task in the re-arming of the United States.

The nation's first call upon the industry was a request to assist in building the motorized divisions of the Army into a mobile striking force without parallel. As in peacetime, when commercial vehicles for every conceivable civilian need were available, the motor car and truck manufacturers, quickly adapting their facilities to the new necessities, supplied equipment to perform virtually all essential wartime tasks.

The adaptations include: mobile kitchens for the preparation of meals on the move; machine shops on wheels; trucks equipped with earth-borers for installing bridge piers; poles for communication lines, and land mines; mobile field hospital units, liason headquarters, electric power plants, pigeon lofts, telephone exchanges, and water filtering units; vehicles for transport of bombs and heavy ordnance; cavalry auxiliaries for transportation of horses; trailer-unit pumpers for fighting fires.

One ingenious combination includes two units that works as an anti-aircraft team, one equipped with a powerful searchlight and the other transporting the electric generator to power the light.

The Army has standardized on several different sizes of trucks for transporting troops and materiel, for scouting and reconnaissance, for carrying communication equipment, as ambulances as prime movers for heavy artillery and as mobile machine gun nests.

Though similar to civilian trucks, the military cars are built considerably heavier in order to meet the most severe conditions. The outstanding departure has been the adoption of all-wheel drive for virtually every size and type of military vehicle. This makes possible ascension of grades of 40 to 50 degrees and travel across terrains that otherwise are impassable.

Other problems of major importance in producing military vehicles, such as service and maintenance in the field, noise suppression for better radio reception, and packing and crating trucks for overseas shipping have been tackled jointly by the truck manufacturers.

Many motor truck companies have launched training programs for service men on proper repair and lubrication of trucks. This is an innovation in war production, inasmuch as all responsibility for materials ordered by the armed forces heretofore ended with delivery of the product. With the Army's master fleet expanded today to several hundred thousand vehicles from the 13,000 in service in 1938, the job of maintaining this rolling stock has been a major activity for companies in the automotive industry.

One company has already in operation 30 schools, in which officers and enlisted men are called into factories and taught the proper techniques for obtaining peak performance of military vehicles in the field.

Another company recently expanded its service program to station a factory-trained expert at every important Army camp in the United States. Having completed an extensive educational course, these field men will organize training schools and will also accompany motorized divisions on maneuvers.

To meet delivery schedules on the huge number of trucks required, and exceed them in many cases, unprecedented cooperation is taking place between former competitors. A Military Vehicles Division has been established under the direction of the Automotive Council for War Production, through which truck manufacturers interchange pertinent information to speed and improve war production.

Common problems of all companies are openly discussed at frequent meetings. Ways and means of overcoming present difficulties, and preparations for impending problems are mapped on an industrywide basis. Solutions and short-cuts are made available to all companies.

With scores of different raw materials going into military trucks, methods of conserving critical ones have become urgent necessity. The results being accomplished are, in many cases, spectacular.

By developing new methods of controlling carbon steels, for example, the automotive industry has

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. OREN A. FULLER
Medical Dept.

Possibly on the slight side in stature, but every inch a man in his bearing—a red thatch of hair and an infectious grin—that description fits Private Oren A. Fuller, Buck of the Week.

Without the benefit of a completed high school education Fuller had made his niche in the world, prior to his induction into the Army, as a painter and interior decorator. And he should repeat that success in the Army with the same application and desire to get ahead that he has shown in civilian life.

He was born in Anthon, Iowa, August 26, 1919, and lived on a farm in the vicinity of Anthon for the first ten years of his life. With his family he moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where he lived four years, and then to Vermillion, South Dakota.

Before he had finished high school it became necessary for Fuller to go to work, and his first job found him driving a truck for a nursery company. He decided, however, that interior decorating offered more advantages than truck driving and served an apprenticeship with one of the local painters in that town. His aptitude for the work became apparent when he completed the regular four year apprenticeship in two years.

So with his papers as a registered painter in his pocket, he set out to make his mark in the world and chose San Francisco as the most likely town to begin. He has remained in this vicinity from 1939 until his induction into the Army.

He received employment at one of the local decorating establishments and was soon promoted to foreman of the shop. The desire to better himself led him to take a course in camouflage painting, which upon competion opened a new and better field for him at Mare Island.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for: Robert L. Mathers and Albert V. Yaverbaum appointed Sergeants; George W. Erismann appointed Corporal; Michael Galay and Marino V. Isla appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and Theodore G. Nilson and Charles W. Walton appointed Privates First Class.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Paul Mottier rapidly leaving the "beginners" ranks with his golf game.

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Cpl. Matt Jarvi, Jr., fulfilling last week's prognostications. He is married, as of Sunday, August 9.

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S/Sgt. Robert E. McLaughlin and Sgt. John B. Davidson leaving Letterman for Camp Stoneman.

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Cpl. Ralph M. Mason taking up boxing for sport. Witnesses say he doesn't need it as a sport or otherwise.

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S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., drinking cokes at the Pied Piper bar room at the Palace Hotel.

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S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell selling the oil stock in his 36 Buick and buying a 39 Buick—with the profits?

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S/Tech. Richard S. Jones deciding to donate $50.00 for books for the library and a friends talking him out of it.

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Cpl. George Erismann ignoring comments about needing a new cap. He finds a needle and thread does nicely, thank you!

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Sgt. Merle C. (Windy West attending the opening of Maxie Rosenbloom's new show and seeing things twice through his new glasses.

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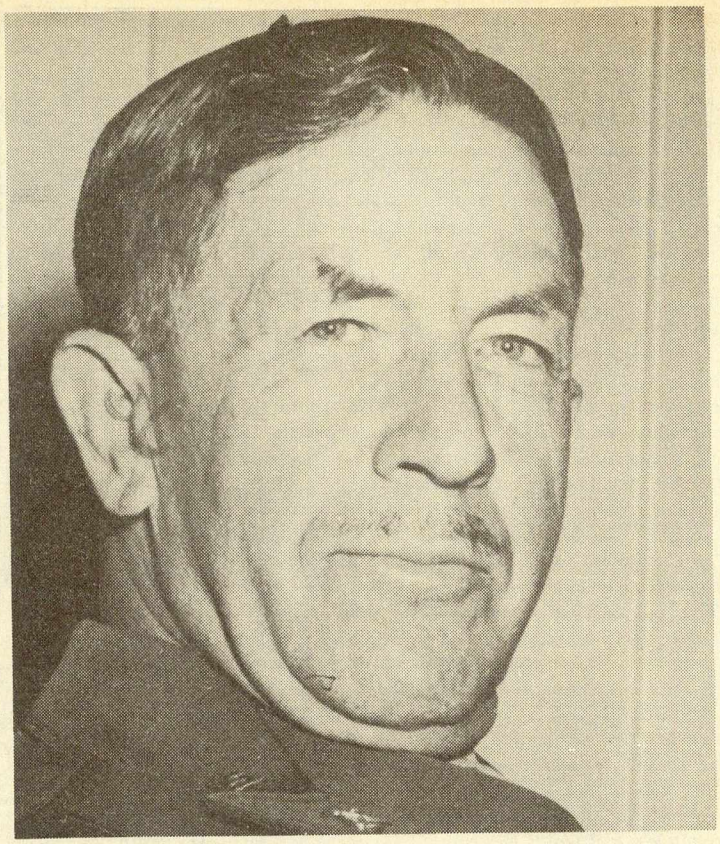
Wedding bells for S/Tech. Francis J. Lake and Miss Ghigliera in November.

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That P. X. combine— S/Sgt.. Donald Allison, Sgts. Russell F. Cox and Patrick Wilds and Cpl./Tech. Vernal J. Whitehead incorporating a "catmeow" club at coffee time.

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LETTERMAN POST QUARTERMASTER IS A VETERAN OF THREE WARS



Lieut. Colonel HUBERT A. STECKER, Q. M. C.
Post Quartermaster

Once upon a time we overheard a Quartermaster advising a youngster in the Corps with the remark that there were three cardinal rules for every good Quartermaster to follow; namely, and to wit: First, to make himself comfortable, second, to make the Commanding Officer comfortable, and third, to make himself more comfortable.

At the moment we have a very good Quartermaster at Letterman but he is unable to rate the advice very highly, mainly because the activities of the Quartermaster Corps have been curtailed almost to a point which threatens to make it surplus.

Again, once upon a time the Post Quartermaster was a sort of deity who doled out everything worth having. Rugs for the floor, stoves and refrigerators for the kitchen, furniture for the quarters, lights and telephones, and the all important transportation. He was even the paymaster in days of yore, but now he is limited to the issue of forage and provender.

Deprivation in this instance is not exactly a hardship for the principal sources of grief went with the activities annexed elsewhere. The old time C. O. who boasted that he ate a Quartermaster for breakfast every morning would now have to change his appetite to appreciate an Engineer. That Corps has taken over Utilities, and therein lies the woe of any post.

However, come weal or woe, we feel that our present incumbent could handle it all. Lieut. Colonel Hubert A. Stecker, veteran of three war, knows the army in war and peace. A native of Sheboygan he enlisted in 1898 with the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment of Infantry and served in Porto Rico in the Spanish American War. When hostilities ceased he returned to civil life where he remained until 1918 and then accepted a commission as Captain, Q.M.C. to continue in the service on active duty until now.

Colonel Stecker served two tours in the Philippines where his only son, 1st Lieut. William Stecker, is a prisoner of war. The colonel's domestic service carried him for tours of duty at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Fort Sill, Fort Bragg, and Fort Crook where he was the Post Quartermaster prior to his assignment to Letterman Hospital in March of this year.

Colonel Stecker is married and the father of three daughters as well as of the son mentioned above. One of his daughters is the wife of Major Homer McCullough, MAC.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

At last the news has been given out, 1st Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske, broke down last week and announced the date of his coming wedding to Miss Gloria Grant, of San Francisco, it will be held on September the 4th at the First Presbyterian Church, in this city.

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Congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Chester G. Moore, who became the proud parents of an eight pound baby boy on August 6th, the new arrival has been named Chester G. the III, and everyone in the schools enjoyed the cigars that the Captain passed out.

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Also congratulations to Frank Bonura, assistant instructor in the Pharmacy School, who was promoted from Private First Class, to Tech. 5th Grade.

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S/Sgt. William L. Walker, went out to the golf link last week and shot a birdie on the ninth hole, since then it seems that the Sgt. has mentioned it at least five times a day.

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

T/Sgt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy, dropping quarters into his bank, and when it gets full, using the contents to buy bonds and stamps. Pvt. Robert M. Taliaferro, of the Surgical School, trucking down to the service mens photo club, on his nights off to work on his pictures.

S/Sgt. Roward B. Dow trying to talk T/Sgt. Donald E. Stone, into buying an automobile, the result was, no car.

By the end of 1943, U. S. production of aluminum will be approximately 21 billion pounds—six-and-one-half times 1939 production.

Keglers Catching a Habit—Again Win Two Out of Three

The Letterman Bowling team won two games out of three August 12th to maintain their second place position. The American Sedan Service still holds first place by virtue of their triple win over the Natividad Cigars, and so going into the last stages of the tournament a nip and tuck battle is expected when the Medics and the Sedan Service bowl it out. They end the season with the final match.

The line-up was changed around to see how the bowlers would make out in different positions, and Corporal Frank Marano, the bowler who rolled them over for a 612 series last week failed to show any improvement and was removed in the second game to his original position and Sgt. Wilcox replaced him. Wilcox was able to show improvement and so was able to complete the series.

The scores for the evening's games were:

FIELDING HOTEL				
Jacobson	199	189	207	595
Billingsley	184	168	135	487
Gustafson	157	157	157	471
Franklin	154	154	154	562
Markovich	142	145	131	418
Totals	836	813	784	2433
LETTERMAN				
Marano	135	211	170	516
Sherlock	96	193	199	488
Wilcox	162	203	191	556
Mottier	231	204	153	578
Kuntz	195	130	198	523
Totals	809	911	912	2662



Staff Sgt. ROSCO J. WILLEY
Circulation Manager

WISCONSIN GETS THE CREDIT FOR THE NEWEST CHIEF NURSE AT LGH



CLARA R. OBERG
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) Army Nurse Corps

The latest addition to the Chief Nurses attached to the staff at Letterman General Hospital is Miss Clara R. Oberg who was promoted to that rank on July 27, 1942.

Miss Oberg is a native of Wisconsin where the Obergs declined to follow the example of the O'Reillys and the O'Neills and the O'Kellys, but instead abandoned the apostrophe—if her family ever had one.

To be precise, Merrill, Wisconsin, claims her as a native daughter, and it was during her high school years there that she decided to become a nurse. She attended the Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois, which she proudly points out is the same school where Colonel Flikke graduated. In this general hospital of 250 beds, she did supervisory and private duty nursing for three years. As a member of the Chicago Visiting Nurses Association for one and a half years, she visited families in the city who were without the means for hospital care yet needed nursing attention.

In her own words she "joined the Army" in January 20, 1940, and was stationed at the U. S. Army Dispensary at Chicago, Illinois. Besides working in the Out-Patient Department, Miss Oberg helped with the hundreds of reserve officers and nurses who, before entering the active ranks of the Army, reported to that hospital for their physicals and innoculations.

While she was still at that station a recommendatiion that she be promoted to Chief Nurse was forwarded, but before it became effective her transfer orders arrived and she entrained for Pendleton Field in Oregon in April, 1942. In June she received her orders to report to Letterman Hospital for instruction and training in the duties of a chief nurse.

Miss Oberg mentioned that her hobbies in the past have been phonograph records of light opera and knitting "sox for soldiers," but we wager that these indoor pastimes will be abandoned for her Midget Marvel camera and trips around the surrounding countryside. Her reply of "nothing" to the question of what she has been doing since her arrival in California is belied by the fact that since July she has visited Muir Woods in Marin County, the University of California campus in Berkeley, and Stanford University at Palo Alto, which we call "some travelin' " in these days!

We regret to report that Miss Oberg's first western love is Oregon, and she is homesick for its green woods and mountains. She definitely would like to go back there, but like a good soldier says she will take whatever the Army gives her, go wherever she is ordered, and do her best.

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AUTO INDUSTRY

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products were motor car engine parts.

First placed in experimental production in early 1939, one essential Naval unit cost nearly $30,000 apiece. When first placed on a regular production basis, its price was cut 9 per cent by the passenger car company responsible for its development and production. As volume of orders and output increased, improved efficiency permitted five further successive price reductions. Savings to the government now is more than $10,000 or 37 per cent a unit below the starting price.

The automotive power plants of the Navy's PT boats have helped make history in action in Subic Bay, at Bataan and in the English Channel. The power furnished by these engines enabled Navy Lieut. John D. Bulkeley and his squadron to engage in a slashing, hit-and-run attack on the more ponderous units of the Japanese fleet off the coast of Cebu. It allowed General Douglas MacArthur to make his roaring departure from his Bataan headquarters.

Ensign George E. Cox, who distinguished himself in the torpedo boat action off Cebu, as well as a number of other American, British and Canadian heroes of the mosquito fleets were graduates of a service school maintained by the automobile company whose factory produced the engines.

For, in addition to their roles as suppliers of war materials and motive power to the armed forces, more and more former motor car factories are becoming classrooms and workshops for the training of the uniformed manpower that is needed to operate, maintain and repair the mechanized and motorized equipment of the Army and Navy.

Through its Diesel development, the automotive industry is making historic contributions to naval warfare. As Admiral S. M. Robinson, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, pointed out: "The modern Diesel engine, weighing less than one-third of the engine used in the World War, has to its credit such reliability of performance in submarine service that today it may be fully equal to any other propelling plant of similar characteristics."

The Diesel, too, has the distinct advantage of being prepared to combat surprise attack.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. M. Conway, AAF, Tonapah, Nevada, a son, Kay Merritt Conway, born August 5, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

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To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. James R. Donovan, QM Sec. SCU 1932, Ft. Scott, California, a daughter, Patricia Donovan, born August 5, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

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To Captain and Mrs. Charles M. Petticrew, Hq WDC, Ord. Dept., a son, Dan Charles Petticrew, born August 7, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

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To T/4gr. and Mrs. Louis E. Frizell, CA, Presidio, San Francisco, a son, Michael Lewis Frizell, born August 8, weight five pounds, fourteen ounces.

MILITARY VEHICLES

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been able to conserve large quantities of alloy steels.

One company has been able to save approximately 41,000 pounds of nickel on its contract for a small combat vehicle. Another company developed processes whereby solder made of silver, antimony and lead replaced lead-tin solder.

Ingenious substitutions for rubber have been made by several companies producing military vehicles. In one vehicle where 12 pounds of rubber were previously used, there has been a reduction to about half a pound.

Another company has been able to save more than 16 pounds of rubber and almost five pounds of nickel on each military truck.

An outstanding example of cooperation, which speeded production, saved materials and reduced costs, has been the pooling of facilities of three truck makers who have been called upon to produce the same type of military vehicle.

Receiving contracts from the War Department for an armored unit, the three companies worked together to standardize the vehicle and make major parts interchangeable. The plan then extended to the purchasing departments and common sources of supply were agreed upon, thus holding tooling requirements of the job to the minimum. Instead of three sets of identical tools, only one was needed, with the cost of the tools shared on a pro-rata basis. The manufacturing and inspection operations then became a part of the pool, thereby interlocking every phase of the job.



PHOTO OF LETTERMAN General Hospital taken in March, 1906—or just before the big fire. Note the hitching post instead of parking lot and the duck board walk. This photo was loaned for publication by Lieut. Manda E. Zuber, Army Nurse Corps, now stationed at Letterman.

STAMP COLLECTORS INVITED TO ENJOY THEIR HOBBY

A survey among the men in the armed forces is being conducted by the United Services Organizations through a questionnaire released to its directors in 850 USO clubs throughout the nation to determine whether stamp collecting should be added to the recreational activities to servicemen at USO clubhouses.

Recognizing the importance of stamp collecting as a hobby and relaxing pastime the questionnaire is intended to reveal the extent of interest in stamp collecting at the various camps so that further action can be based upon the facts obtained. USO club directors are being questioned as to the extend of stamp collecting interests in their camp and whether they desire to add philately to their recreational activities.

Stamp collectors who are presently serving in the armed forces are urged to inform their camp USO director of their interest in the hobby so that he may judge whether to include stamp activities in his program.

Perils of Penpals Pointed Out to Service Men

Girls who brighten soldiers' days with mail should expect none in return unless they are personally acquainted with their soldier correspondents, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Letters, snapshots, hometown newspapers, and packages are welcome as excellent morale builders—but only from persons known to the receipients. Soldiers are forbidden to correspond with persons unknown to them.

This rule is dictated by the fact that soldiers' mail inevitably contains military information. "Correspondence" or "pen" clubs make it possible for improper persons to assemble such information.

Reiterations of the ban on promiscuous correspondence followed publicity of the formation of clubs whose members were pledged to write to soldiers, one of which urged its members to obtain lists of soldiers' names from newspapers. While the good intentions of particular organizations were not questioned, it was suggested that members limit their correspondence to members of the armed forces who are relatives or friends.

Lumber, impregnated with chemical salts, is being widely used as a structural material in place of steel and concrete, a chemical company reports. Engineers hope to prove that such treated wood is rot-resistant to a degree rivaling other materials in permanence.